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## RUSSIAN GOVERNMENT NOW WORKS TO UNITE PEOPLE OF COUNTRY

**Stands by Its Task; Is Confident Unity Will Be Re-Established if Various Representatives Take Proper Part**

London, May 15.—Although beset with innumerable difficulties, the Provisional Government of Russia is determined to stick to its task.

The Government will make an effort to amalgamate the diverse interests which by their conflict have made an ordered and efficient government in Russia impossible, it announces in a proclamation expressing confidence that unity will be re-established and the country saved if the various representatives of the new democracy take their proper part in the responsible task of government.

The Council of Soldiers' and Workmen's Delegates, comprising mainly the Socialist and extreme radical elements, apparently is becoming increasingly willing to consider participation in the formation of a coalition government. It has appointed a commission to negotiate with the Provisional Government and is formulating a programme of conditions which will permit Socialist entry into representation in the Ministry. This follows the Council's urging upon the army at the front the necessity of ceasing to fraternize with the Germans and an appeal to it to resume the offensive against the enemy and thus best serve the cause of general peace.

Petrograd, May 15.—Conditions for the entry into the Provisional Government of representatives of the Socialists were discussed on Sunday night by the executive committee of the Council of Workmen's and Soldiers' Delegates. The fundamental principles of the programme which was discussed were:

A foreign policy openly pursuing the aim of reaching as soon as possible a general peace without annexations or indemnities, on the basis of the right of nations to work out their own destinies.

Decisive measures with a view to democratization of the army and reinforcement of Russia's military strength at the front for the defence of Russian liberty.

A series of social, economic and financial reforms.

The executive committee has formed a commission to negotiate with the Provisional Government.

Guchkov's Resignation.

Petrograd, May 15.—The Provisional Government has issued the following proclamation regarding the resignation of Minister of War Guchkov:

"The Government recalls that its point of view on the present political situation was set forth in a proclamation which it addressed to the population on May 8 in full agreement with Minister Guchkov. That proclamation of the Provisional Government stated frankly to the country that the state was in danger and that for its salvation it was necessary to utilize all the live forces of the country, while at the same time there must be complete confidence in the authority of the Government."

"At the same time the Government decided unanimously to do everything possible to include in its composition the creative forces which had not yet taken part in the responsible task of government."

Remains at Post.

"Without waiting for the solution of this question, M. Guchkov thought it feasible personally to leave the Provisional Government and divest himself of responsibility for the destinies of Russia. The Provisional Government, which is fully aware of the danger at present facing Russia after the troubles the country has gone through, considers that in obedience to the dictates of conscience it has not the right to shift the burden of power and is remaining at its post."

"The Provisional Government is confident that the participation by new representatives of the democracy in the responsible task of government will re-establish that unity and fulfilment of power in which the country will find its salvation."

Impression in France.

Paris, May 15.—The resignations of the Russian Minister of War, Gen. Guchkov, and Gen. Kornilov, the military commander of Petrograd, have caused a painful impression here and increased the feeling that the situation in Russia is getting worse instead of better, and that more rapidly than was suspected. Even the Socialist paper L'Humanite, which naturally views all things by the revolutionary element with an indulgent eye, declares: "All Liberals and Democrats the world over feel only a too comprehensible anxiety at the turn events are taking."

Stephen Pichon writes:

"Each day the Petrograd Government is led to make fresh concessions, to abandon more and more power to theorists, increases the disorder and disarmament in the face of an invader who is ready to pursue with greater determination against democratic Russia the war which he declared against imperial Russia. We must ask if the race toward the abyss is going to stop."

## BETHMANN-HOLLWEG SIDESTEPS ADDRESS PROMISED ON PEACE

Berlin, May 15.—Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg answered the peace interpellations in the Reichstag to-day by saying that it would not serve the interests of the country to make a declaration and therefore he declined to do so.

The Chancellor said that in discussing war aims the only guiding line for him was an early and satisfactory conclusion of the war.

BALFOUR TO TORONTO.

Toronto, May 15.—Hon. A. J. Balfour notified Mayor Church to-day that he will visit Toronto on May 23.

## NO CORPORATION HAS ANY STRINGS ON THE BREWSTER MINISTRY

Legislative Press Gallery.  
May 14.  
There was a crowded attendance both of members and the public this afternoon to hear the expected announcement of cabinet changes. An air of suppressed excitement hung about the corridors and the House.

The announcement of the Premier and the explanations of Hon. M. A. Macdonald did not occupy many minutes, and the House at once went on with its business.

From floor to galleries came hearty applause as Hon. Mr. Brewster declared that no corporate interests had any strings on this Government or could control it in any way. The Premier was most emphatic on this point, and on the point that he would not allow any such suspicion to rest on his Government or any member of it.

It is beginning to be recognized by members generally, and should be by the public, that a desperate effort is being made by the railways to resume their old control of the Government of British Columbia, and that they will stop short at nothing to accomplish that end. In the circumstances the clear and explicit statement of the Premier to-day will greatly reassure the people of the province.

The Statement.

"I wish to rise for a few moments to make a statement to the Legislature in regard to the findings of the commission appointed to investigate the statement that was made across the floor of this House by the sixth member for Vancouver against the Attorney-General," said Hon. Mr. Brewster as soon as prayers were over.

"That commission, of which Mr. Justice Gregory was the sole member, has made its report to His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, a copy of which I have seen and the Executive Council has been permitted to peruse, and which, I have no doubt, with the consent of His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, may be printed a little later and laid on the desks of members."

Resignation Accepted.

"As soon as the report was laid before His Honor and was a matter of discussion—even before that report reached His Honor, I had in my hand the resignation of the Honorable the Attorney-General from his position as head of the Department of the Attorney-General. I have also before me, Mr. Speaker, his letter of resignation which was handed to me and which I have taken to His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor."

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## HUNGARIAN WRITERS WORKING FOR PEACE

Journalists Propose Discussion in Neutral Country; Postponement at Stockholm

Amsterdam, May 15.—A Budapest dispatch says that the Hungarian Society of Journalists has decided to ask the International Union of Journalists to call a congress of its members in some neutral capital to discuss peace.

Postponed.

Copenhagen, May 15.—According to the Politiken the programme for the proposed neutral Socialist peace conference at Stockholm, scheduled to open to-morrow, has been postponed. The paper says that great dissatisfaction prevails among the delegates.

The news that the German independent Socialists have been refused passports by the Berlin authorities is expected to cause the bureau to refuse to negotiate with the Scheidemann group. Emil Vandervelde, leader of the Belgian Socialists, declares that the refusal of the German authorities to issue passports except to Scheidemann and his followers is clear proof of the desire of the German people for peace.

## Brusiloff and Gurko Ask to Be Relieved of Their Commands

Petrograd, May 15.—It became known here to-day that just before the resignation of the Provisional Minister of War, General Guchkov, was announced yesterday, General Alexis Brusiloff, commander-in-chief of the Russian armies on the southwestern front, and General Gurko, commander of the Russian western front, asked to be relieved of their commands. The resignations of these two army officers will be considered after the success to General Guchkov has been appointed.

## PUT IN COMMAND OF WAR-TRIED FORCES OF FRANCE: GEN. PETAIN



## PETAINE AT HEAD OF FRENCH ARMIES

Made Commander-in-Chief; Nivelle to Lead Army Group

Paris, May 15.—General Petain was appointed Commander-in-Chief of the French armies operating in France and Belgium at a meeting of the Cabinet to-day.

General Nivelle was placed in command of a group of armies. General Foch, who played an important role in the Battle of the Marne and the Battles of the Yser, succeeds General Petain as Chief of the Staff of the Ministry of War.

General Petain, who was a retired colonel at the outbreak of the war, is the man to whom many Frenchmen have been looking for the initiative which would win a decisive success on the French front. To him more than to any other commander now in active service with the French the legend of success attaches. He became a popular hero and the idol of the soldiers for his defence of Verdun.

It is generally understood that when the retirement of Marshal Joffre was decided upon the marshal selected General Petain as his successor, but that the general was unwilling to accept the post without extraordinary powers. According to some reports, he desired to have command over the British forces in France as well as the French.

General Nivelle was subordinate to General Petain until, at the latter's suggestion, he was made commander-in-chief at the time of Marshal Joffre's retirement.

General Foch, who made a brilliant record early in the war, was detached from active service last month.

## WILSON WISHES TO SPEED UP CONGRESS

Not Making Satisfactory Headway With Measures Connected With War

Washington, May 15.—President Wilson to-day took steps to speed up Congress on the programme of war legislation essential to carry on the conflict with Germany. He planned to see leaders of both the Senate and the House to-night to urge more speed in putting through measures dealing with food control, providing for the building of a merchant fleet, the war tax bill and others.

The President was reported to-day as thoroughly aroused by the situation confronting the Administration. Congress has been in session about six weeks and with the exception of the declaration of war and the \$7,000,000,000 bond bill has put through none of the legislation necessary to a successful prosecution of the war.

Much delay has been occasioned, particularly in the Senate, by long debate. No programme of just what measures should be passed first had been mapped out to-day but it was believed that food control legislation would be among the first.

## THE NEW AMERICAN AMBASSADOR TO JAPAN

Washington, May 15.—Roland S. Morris, of Philadelphia, has been virtually decided upon by President Wilson for Ambassador to Japan to fill the vacancy caused by the death of George W. Guthrie, of Pittsburgh. It was said to-day that the appointment probably would be made within a few days. Mr. Morris is chairman of the Democratic State Committee of Pennsylvania.

## WILSON AT WEDDING.

Washington, May 15.—President Wilson put off the Cabinet meeting to-day so that he and Mrs. Wilson could attend the wedding of Miss Nona MacAdoo, daughter of the Secretary of the Treasury, and Ferdinand Morshenschildt, of the Russian Embassy staff.

## BRITISH AND FRENCH HOLDING THEIR GRIP; ATTACKS BY ENEMY

**Efforts Against Allies at Bullecourt and Chemin-des-Dames Prove Failure, London and Paris War Offices Report**

London, May 15.—The Front in Northern France is witnessing an increasingly determined resistance by the Germans to any further advance by the British and French, who in their offensive have pushed to points of extreme danger for the German lines. The British, however, have held their grip on the Hindenburg line in the Bullecourt region, a German thrust to-day completely failing.

A German drive last night at the Chemin-des-Dames position, where the French are well established for a further push toward the fortress of Laon, was equally unsuccessful, Paris announces.

London, May 15.—A heavy attack was launched by German troops to-day on British positions in the Bullecourt region on the Arras front. An official report issued to-day says the Germans were repulsed in Bullecourt, but that the British advanced posts in the northwestern portion of the village were forced back a short distance.

## About 100 U Boats Trapped by British Says German Sailor

Amsterdam, May 15.—Between 80 and 100 German submarines have fallen victims to British nets alone and Germany now has about 325 submarines in operation, according to the Telegram, which prints an interview with a member of the crew of the German submarine U-54. This is the submarine which sank the Dutch grain ships in February.

The U-54 is commanded by Captain Count von Placatus. According to the interview, the submarine discharged three or four torpedoes against the Dutch ships, and then zigzagged between them, sinking them with bombs and shellfire.

When at sea the German submarines assemble at given points every morning and receive wireless instructions, presumably from Heligoland. There are about 20 U-boats of the newest type, each carrying a crew of 54 men, and this fleet is supplemented by a secondary squadron marked with a C, the German sailor said, adding that the first-class boats have a speed calculated as sufficient to overtake any cargo vessel.

## SECRETARY DANIELS WAS NOT CALLED

To Trial of Lamar, Rintelen and Others; Statement About Bryan

New York, May 15.—Federal Judge Cashman, presiding at the trial of David Lamar, Franz Rintelen, a captain in the German navy, and others for conspiracy to disrupt the munitions industry of the country in 1915, blocked Lamar's efforts to-day to have Josephus Daniels, Secretary of the Navy, called here to testify in his defence. Mr. Daniels telegraphed that he knew absolutely nothing of the case and the judge decided that if his testimony was necessary, a deposition could be taken in Washington.

Lamar resumed the stand, continuing his testimony in regard to the interest he said W. J. Bryan had taken in the anti-munitions traffic movement shortly after his resignation as Secretary of State. Henry B. Martin, another defendant, told him, Lamar testified, that Bryan had bitterly denounced the "munitions trust" and the men of it who, he said, in 1915 were bringing pressure to bear on the President to force the country into war. Bryan expressed approval, Lamar said Martin told him, of the anti-munitions traffic movement, saying it would "go down into history as a good thing."

## ALL APPROPRIATIONS RECORDS IN STATES WERE BROKEN TO-DAY

Washington, May 15.—All the appropriations records of Congress were broken to-day when the Senate's Appropriations Committee reported the war, army and navy deficiency bill, carrying a total of \$2,396,946,000, including \$400,000,000 for construction and purchase of an American merchant marine.

## PRAYING FOR CROPS.

Poughkeepsie, N. Y., May 15.—Spring-time prayers for successful crops are being offered this week on estates in the Hudson River millionaires' colony around Hyde Park.

French Report.

Paris, May 15.—An attack was made by German troops last night on an extended front. An official report issued this afternoon says it was repulsed by French fire. The Germans were able to get a footing only in an advanced trench.

The text of the report follows: "After a violent bombardment late yesterday along the Chemin-des-Dames, German troops attacked our position over a long front in the region northwest of Braye-en-Laonnois, between Borettes and Epine-de-Chevigny. Our curtain of fire and our machine guns broke up the attack. The Germans were not able to approach our lines except at one point, where they gained a footing in one of our advanced trenches near Filan. Surprise attacks against trench posts north of Craonne, east of Hill 108 and northeast of Auberville were defeated by our fire. We took prisoners, of whom one was an officer."

"In the Woevre and Lorraine French detachments penetrated the German lines at several points and brought back prisoners."

German Claim.

Berlin, May 15.—Troops of the German Crown Prince have captured the farm of Ste. Berthe, east of Fort de Malmaison, on the Aisne front, says an official statement issued to-day.

## AMERICANS ROUNDING UP GERMAN SPIES

Expected Horde Will Be Arrested at Once Following Taking of a Leader

San Francisco, May 15.—Vigorous action to accomplish the overthrow of the German secret service in the United States and the arrest of the ringleaders and subordinates throughout the country was started here to-day by the Federal authorities, acting on information, they said, that had been furnished by Rudolph Flamingding, so-called "German master spy" on the Pacific coast. Flamingding is under arrest in Los Angeles. He was taken into custody ten days ago, and since then, it was said, has given the agents of the Government information which it is believed will result in the immediate rounding up of practically every German secret service operative in the United States.

Ten Districts.

According to Federal authorities the country has been divided into ten districts, with chief and many subordinates constantly operating in each division. Afraid to communicate by mail or telephone, the members of the spy ring adopted an elaborate system of codes carried by messengers from one district to another.

After grilling Frank Wolf, alias Frank Fels, a deserter from the United States aviation corps at San Diego, who is under arrest here as a spy suspect, the authorities declared that "Wolf had been employed by Flamingding. Orders were received from Washington to-day to hold Wolf in solitary confinement."

Practically all of the important members of the spy organization, which is said to extend to all sections of the country, are under surveillance and simultaneous arrests are expected.

## AMERICAN RED CROSS.

Washington, May 15.—The newly created Red Cross war council began work here to-day on the task of fitting the Red Cross financially for the burdens war will thrust upon it in the field and at home.



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### REPORT ON CROPS THROUGHOUT CANADA

Ottawa, May 14.—Owing to the lateness of the spring it was too early on April 30 to judge of the extent to which May and clover meadows throughout Canada have suffered the effects of the winter, but indications are that about 9 per cent of the area under these crops has been winter killed. The condition in percentage of the standard is for the whole of Canada 36 per cent, as compared with 92 last year.

For wheat the proportion of seeding completed on April 30 was 13 per cent,

as against 27 per cent last year, and 14 per cent in 1915. For oats the proportion is 12 per cent, against 5 per cent last year and 45 per cent in 1915, and for barley it is 9 per cent, as against 3 per cent in 1916 and 38 per cent in 1915.

#### AMERICAN ARMY BILL

Washington, May 14.—The House and Senate conferees on the army bill held a brief meeting to-day but did not consider the amendment to authorize sending Colonel Roosevelt's volunteer force abroad.

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### CHANGES MADE IN BRITISH ADMIRALTY

New Staff Created With Admiral Sir John Jellicoe as Head

London, May 15.—The new naval board announced in the Commons yesterday by Sir Edward Carson consists of Admiral Sir John Jellicoe, Vice-Admiral Sir Henry Oliver, Rear-Admiral Alexander L. Duff, Rear-Admiral Halsey, Sir Eric Campbell Geddes and H. H. D. Tothill.

Sir Eric Geddes, the new civilian member of the board, with the temporary rank of vice-admiral, has been in charge of all communications and supplies of war material in France where he has performed most valuable work. He now will undertake similar work for the fleet as well as organize the production of armaments and munitions and will control shipbuilding requirements for the Admiralty, the War Office and the Ministry of Shipping. This will give the naval members of the board an opportunity to devote themselves entirely to the fighting side of the fleet, especially the submarine menace.

For this purpose the staffs of the three departments will be placed under Sir Eric's control. As the duties for which he was responsible at the Admiralty would include not only shipbuilding, but the production of arms and ammunition, Sir Edward Carson said it was necessary that Sir Eric's connection with the Admiralty should be close and intimate, and for this reason he was appointed a member of the Board of Admiralty. He would be associated with the Ministry of Shipping control committee.

Sir Edward said Admiral Jellicoe, the First Sea Lord, would have the additional title of Chief of the Naval Staff. Vice-Admiral Sir Henry Oliver, Chief of the Admiralty War Staff, would become an additional member of the Board of Admiralty with the title of Deputy Chief of the Naval Staff. Rear-Admiral Halsey, at present Fourth Sea Lord, is to become the Third Sea Lord in succession to Vice-Admiral Frederick C. Tudor, who will be appointed Commander of the China Station. In due course Sir Eric Campbell Geddes will become an additional member of the Board of Ad-

miralty with the title of Controller and the temporary rank of vice-admiral.

Great Interest.

London, May 15.—(By Arthur S. Draper).—The announcement yesterday of the reorganization of the Admiralty overshadowed the interest in the news of the fighting in France. The elevation of Jellicoe places him in a similar position to that General Robertson holds in the army and brings the navy in line with the army.

Admiral Jellicoe heads a board whose members can now concentrate their attention on the fighting without the worries and bother incidental to administration work. The board includes among its civil members Sir Eric Geddes, who has been appointed to tackle the naval shipbuilding programme. Sir Eric, who made a reputation as an American railway man, has given valuable assistance to Field-Marshal Haig in France and is largely responsible for the network of railways behind the British lines.

The reorganization will go far towards silencing much criticism of the Admiralty, which recently became so severe that Mr. Lloyd George spent two days investigating the service and consulting with naval heads. Within the last week the navy has become considerably more active in offensive tactics, as instanced by the attack on Zeebrugge.

### CAPTURE OF ROEUX

COMPLETED BY HAIG

About 50,000 Germans Taken by British and French in Month

With the French Armies in France, May 14, via London, May 15.—According to authoritative figures now available, the French and British armies between April 9 and May 13 captured 49,579 Germans, including 976 officers, 444 heavy and field cannon, 943 machine guns and 356 tank cannon.

London, May 15.—The following official report was issued last night: "Our troops to-day continued their progress north of the Scarpe River and completed the capture of Roeux, taking a few prisoners. The whole village of Roeux, which was defended by the enemy with the greatest determination and had been the scene of much desperate fighting during the operations of the past month, now is in our possession.

"Our line was advanced slightly during the day north of Yvelle.

"In air fighting yesterday six German aeroplanes were brought down and two others were driven down out of control. Three of our aeroplanes are missing."

#### French Report.

Paris, May 15.—The War Office reported last night:

"In the course of the day the German artillery, violently counter-attacked, bombarded the front north of Braye-en-Laonnois and Cerny. Quite lively artillery actions took place east of Berry-au-Bac and in the Champagne, in the region of Mont Haut.

"On the heights of the Meuse an enemy attempt against one of our small posts in the Bois-des-Chevaliers was easily repulsed.

"There was no important event to report on the rest of the front. "On May 12 and 13 six enemy aeroplanes were brought down. It is confirmed that another German machine crashed to the earth on May 11 after an engagement.

"Our bombing squadrons dropped 4,000 kilos of explosives on stations and bivouacs behind the German front."

A Belgian communication said: "There was artillery activity on both sides at various points on the Belgian front, particularly in the region of Dinant."

#### German Statement.

Berlin, May 15.—The following official statement was issued last night: "There has been artillery activity of varying intensity in the Western fighting areas to-day.

"Partial attacks by the French troops near Craonnelle, Corbeny and Berry-au-Bac were unsuccessful."

### ADDISON DEPLORES MUNITIONS STRIKE

London, May 15.—Dr. Christopher Addison, the Minister of Munitions, in the course of a statement dealing with the engineers' strike, says:

"The people say the army in France has heaps of shells. But that is not the point. I am glad to say they have plenty of shells at the front, but these stocks are particularly affecting such things as big guns, tanks and plane motors, the supply of these being severely affected.

"A continuation of the offensive in June depends upon the things that now are being finished in the shops. We have lost three weeks over the supply of important war munitions in Barrow. That will be felt later, but what is being held up now is that which will affect the soldiers in June and July, as they will not, unless rapid work is resumed, be able to go forward with that protection from the tanks that they should have. This is the gravest feature of the whole thing."

### MEASURES PROPOSED IN WEST VIRGINIA

Charleston, W. Va., May 15.—It will be unlawful "for any person or persons employed at any kind of labor or service" in West Virginia to strike either "singly or in groups" during the war if a measure introduced in the West Virginia Legislature is made law. The bill also would prohibit the discharge from employment of any persons because of membership in any trades union.

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### JOSEPH H. CHOATE'S CAREER AT AN END

Distinguished American Died Last Night; Was Ambassador to Britain

New York, May 15.—Joseph H. Choate, former United States Ambassador to Great Britain, died at 11.30 o'clock last night at his home in this city.

Mr. Choate had been ill only since yesterday morning. He had taken a very active part in the entertainment in this city of the British and French Missions, and attended a service at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine with Foreign Minister Balfour on Sunday morning.

Mr. Choate was referred to by Mayor Mitchell at one of the entertainments in honor of the Missions as "the foremost citizen of New York."

Joseph H. Choate was born at Salem, Mass., on January 24, 1832, the son of a skilful and prominent physician who represented Salem in the Legislature for several years. Both on his father's and his mother's side Mr. Choate was descended from early colonial stock and he could claim relationship with some of the most notable characters in New England history. Probably the best known among them was his father's cousin, Rufus Choate.

Joseph H. Choate was prepared for college in the public schools of Salem at the age of sixteen entered Harvard. He was graduated with the degree of A.B., and Phi Beta Kappa honors in 1852. He then entered the Dane Law School of Harvard, graduating as LL.B. in 1854. After an additional year of reading and training in a Boston law office he was admitted to the bar of Massachusetts in 1855. The same year he removed to New York, where in the following year he was admitted to the bar and entered the office of Butler, Evans & Southmayd. After a short time he formed a partnership with William H. Barnes, but in 1859 he became a member of the distinguished law firm of Evans, Southmayd & Choate.

From that time on Mr. Choate's name became prominent in the legal profession of New York. His fame soon spread far and wide and it was generally admitted that as a trial lawyer Mr. Choate had few, if any, rivals. His practice became the most extensive in the city of New York, and he conducted some of the most memorable cases of his time.

But famous and successful as was Mr. Choate's career in the general practice of the law and in ordinary legal controversies, he won a much wider reputation as an authority on questions of constitutional law. Especially notable among the cases presenting constitutional questions, which he argued before the Supreme Court of the United States, were the Chinese exclusion cases, the Kansas prohibition case, the famous income-tax cases, the Texas trust law case and many others.

Mr. Choate's political career practically began in 1856, when he took the stump for Fremont. From that time on he has been active in every political campaign and he was one of the most active members of the original committee of seventy which routed the notorious Tweed ring.

Although he always took an active part in political matters and could have gone into a political career, Mr. Choate only once ran for a political office. In 1895 he was an independent candidate for United States Senator upon the urgent solicitations of his friends, but was not successful. He was president of the New York Constitutional Convention of 1894 and rendered most valuable services.

In 1895 Mr. Choate was appointed Ambassador of the United States to Great Britain to succeed the late John Hay and he held that position until 1905. In 1907 he was appointed one of the delegates of the United States to the International Peace-Conference at The Hague.

He was married in 1861 to Caroline Dutcher, daughter of Frederick A. Sterling, of Cleveland, O., who bore him five children.

### WANT NO REPETITION OF PRESENT CONTEST

London, May 15.—A league of nations to enforce peace after the war was enthusiastically endorsed in a resolution unanimously adopted at a meeting attended by 200 representative men, including clergymen and members of the House of Lords and Commons, held under the auspices of the League of Nations Society. Viscount Bryce presided. The other speakers were the Most Rev. Randall T. Davidson, Archbishop of Canterbury; Lieut-General Jan Christian Smuts, Baron Buckmaster, Lord Hugh Cecil and Viscount Harcourt.

The resolution, which was offered by Lieut-General Smuts and seconded by the Archbishop of Canterbury, reads: "It is expedient in the interest of mankind that some machinery should be set up after the present war for the maintenance of international right and general peace, and this meeting welcomes the suggestion put forward for this purpose by the President of the United States and other influential statesmen in the United States, and commends to the sympathetic consideration of the British people the idea of forming a union of free nations for the preservation of permanent peace."

Applause greeted Lord Buckmaster, when in supporting the resolution he advocated Germany's inclusion in the proposed league. "The league of nations will fail," he said, "unless Germany is admitted into it. If she is excluded it will be nothing but a league against Germany, in which case I see no prospect before the world but unending darkness of night. We have got to separate the German rulers from the German people. We must destroy one and support the other."

Paris, May 15.—The War Office reported as follows last evening regarding the Macedonian front:

"Eastern Theatre, May 13.—Artillery actions occurred in certain sectors of the front. The Serbian army continues to advance in the direction of Dobropolye. Enemy reconnaissance south of Makujro and near the right bank of the Vardar were repulsed."

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### FRANCE'S LOSSES AT SEA IN THREE MONTHS

Paris, May 15.—Seventeen French merchant ships were sunk by German submarines during February, March and April, according to an official statement issued yesterday. During the same period nine French vessels were attacked by submarines, but made their escape. No armed merchantmen have fallen prey to submarines. The statement reads:

"Statistics for the first three months of Germany's unrestricted submarine campaign, as far as they concern the French merchant marine, show the following results: "February—Sunk, four; attacked and escaped, one. "March—Sunk, five; attacked and escaped, two. "April—Sunk, eight; attacked and escaped, two. "Armed merchantmen have in every case escaped from submarines. "During this period French patrol vessels have had twelve engagements with submarines; French hydro-aeroplanes have fought submarines thirteen times, and there have been sixteen engagements between armed merchantmen and submarines."

Washington, May 15.—The Dutch Government has instructed the grain vessels held up in American ports for some time to proceed homeward, calling at Halifax for examination by the British authorities.

### WATER POWER OF ALPS FOR WORK OF REBUILDING

New York, May 14.—The water power of the Alps will be harnessed to help rebuild the devastated territory in France and Belgium, according to William Howard Cole, an American engineer and technical director of the Societe Generale Industrielle, which is to undertake the work immediately. It is expected that within six months 20,000 horse-power can be developed, thus solving the coal shortage problem.

### SERBIANS CONTINUE TO MOVE FORWARD

Paris, May 15.—The War Office reported as follows last evening regarding the Macedonian front: "Eastern Theatre, May 13.—Artillery actions occurred in certain sectors of the front. The Serbian army continues to advance in the direction of Dobropolye. Enemy reconnaissance south of Makujro and near the right bank of the Vardar were repulsed."

### WHITE INTRODUCES BILL BRITISH DESIRE

Ottawa, May 15.—Sir Thomas White, the Minister of Finance, yesterday introduced a bill to facilitate certain financial arrangements between the Government of the United Kingdom and the Canadian Pacific Railway. The purpose of the measure, said the Minister, was to enable the Canadian Pacific to issue collateral trust bonds payable in United States currency to be exchanged by the C. P. R. when requested for consolidated debenture stock and other securities which may be acquired in London. The main object was to help the exchange situation. At first the matter was very urgent, but now that the United States had entered the war it was not so urgent. The British authorities desired to have the bill passed so that when necessary its provisions could be carried out.

### TURKEY APPROACHES RUSSIA FOR PEACE

Rome, May 15.—The Idea Nazionale, the organ of the Nationalist party, prints a report from diplomatic quarters that Turkey has made overtures to Russia through a neutral source for a separate peace on a basis of the complete opening of the Straits to Russian navigation, for both war vessels and merchant ships. According to the report, Turkey also declares herself disposed to give friendly consideration to the Armenian question and suitable recognition to the principle of nationalities.

### \$25,000,000 MORE FROM STATES TO BRITAIN

Washington, May 15.—Great Britain yesterday received a third installment of \$25,000,000 of the \$100,000,000 which the United States has agreed to lend to most British purchases in this country during May. This brings the amount advanced to Great Britain thus far up to \$75,000,000, and the total to all the Allies, exclusive of the \$75,000,000 to be loaned to Belgium for feeding the population in the occupied areas, up to \$275,000,000. The other \$250,000,000 has been divided between France and Italy.

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## APPEALS FOR UNITY IN RUSSIAN NATION

Council and Kerenski Call on  
People to Choose Cor-  
rect Course

Petrograd, May 15.—The Council of Soldiers' and Workingmen's Delegates has issued an appeal to the army in which it declares that German imperialism is seeking to destroy revolutionary Russia and enslave the Russian people. It appeals to the soldiers to defend Russia with all their might and declares that a separate peace is impossible.

The appeal says that the only solution of the war must be a general peace among all nations by common agreement. It asserts that the Council is aiming at peace by calling for a revolution among the workmen and peasants of Germany and Austria-Hungary, but that peace cannot be achieved unless the enemy at the front is checked.

The manifesto concludes by begging the soldiers not to renounce their offensive and warns against fraternizing with the enemy, which it says cannot end the war.

Food Distribution.  
A congress of peasant delegates representing 27 provinces opened here yesterday. The bureau of the congress

issued an appeal to the peasants throughout Russia "for the salvation of the country," to furnish grain and fodder for the army and the people in the rear.

The appeal says supplies have been stopping since Easter, that the stores are becoming exhausted and that the situation is critical and food riots are threatened, although there are ample reserves in the country.

Kerenski's Appeal.

Petrograd, May 15, via London, May 15.—(Delayed.)—In an impassioned appeal to delegates from the front at a meeting in Petrograd to-day A. F. Kerenski, Minister of Justice, made the most alarming diagnosis of Russia's internal crisis that has come from any official since the revolution. The Minister of Justice, heretofore optimistic and reassuring in his assertions, confessed that his confidence had left him and that he feared disaster.

"I came to you," said Mr. Kerenski, "because my strength is at an end. I have no longer the former courage, nor have I my former conviction that we are conscientious citizens, not slaves in revolt. I am sorry I did not die two months ago, when the dream of a new life was glowing in the hearts of the Russian people, and when I was sure the country could govern itself without the whip."

"As affairs are going now, it will be impossible to save the country. Perhaps the time is near when we will have to tell you that we can no longer give you the amount of bread you expect or other supplies on which you have a right to count. The process of the change from slavery to freedom is not going on properly. We have tasted freedom and are slightly intoxicated, but what we need is sobriety and discipline."

"You could suffer and be silent for

ten years and obey the orders of a hated Government. You could even fire upon your own people when commanded to do so. Can you now suffer no longer?"

## MR. PUGSLEY ASKS ABOUT SHIPBUILDING

Foster Promises Information  
From Munitions Board;  
Branch Lines for G. T. P.

Ottawa, May 15.—In the House of Commons yesterday afternoon Hon. William Pugsley referred to a statement of Sir George Foster's to the effect that all companies showing a bona fide desire to build wooden ships would receive encouragement and a reasonable profit on their enterprise. What details were available? Dr. Pugsley asked.

Sir George Foster said that all information would be secured from the Imperial Munitions Board.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier asked whether that board had undertaken shipbuilding without consulting the Government.

Sir George replied that if the Imperial authorities were to consult the Government here on all such matters the Canadian Government would be bothered to death.

Dr. Pugsley asked whether the Government was taking any part in the work. Sir George replied that he had

given all the information he could at present.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier read a telegram from P. W. Laycock, of Edmonton, Alberta, in which complaint was made that any settlement of the coal mine labor trouble in Southeast British Columbia and Alberta would be destroyed by the taking up of rails on the G. T. P. west of Edmonton and a large tract of country not served by the C. N. R. would go without railroad service.

Hon. Frank Cochrane stated there had been a man out there who was supposed to see to it that in the taking up of rails no district should suffer for lack of service. He declared that the reason why these rails were being taken, was that they were of the same standard and gauge as those already sent to France.

Joined Forces.

Hon. Frank Oliver referred to the fact that George Shore, of Ottawa, charged with horse stealing, had been allowed by a magistrate to go on suspended sentence and had enlisted with the Canadian Engineers.

"If I am permitted to say so," said Mr. Oliver, "this is neither in the interests of justice nor of military efficiency."

A bill giving the G. T. P. further power to build branch lines in the west was introduced by Col. J. A. Currie, Conservative, North Simcoe, Ontario.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier asked Col. Currie if he had considered the fact that the Government had now destroyed traffic east and west by granting free wheat.

William German, Liberal, Welland, Ont., thought that in view of the report of the commission which had investigated the railway problem it seemed unwise for further branch lines to be built on a road which might be taken over by the Government.

Hon. Frank Cochrane said the reports had been considered and that an announcement would be made to the House at an early date.

Col. Currie declared that so far as was known no action was to be taken by the Government and the company wanted to go ahead.

The bill received its first reading.

## CASUALTIES AMONG CANADIAN SOLDIER

Ottawa, May 15.—The following casualties have been announced:

Infantry.

Killed in action—Lieut. W. C. Holland, England; Lieut. E. H. Coombe, England; Lieut. R. H. Cattell, England; Pte. H. Camp, Swift Current, Sask.; Pte. J. Apps, Priceville, Sask.; Pte. T. Jeffery, Colonsay, Sask.; Pte. W. Batten, Warsaw, Ont.; Pte. A. Freeman, England; Pte. L. Lee, England; Pte. C. B. Wilson, Scotland; Pte. W. J. Hodgson, Toronto; Pte. R. Thelwall, England; Pte. J. A. Haynes, Stevenson, B.C.; Pte. H. Braddick, England; Pte. E. Pasnutch, Russia; Pte. W. Stevenson, 2383 Walter Street, Oak Bay, Victoria; Pte. G. M. Ablett, 1279 Centre Road, Victoria; Pte. H. W. Boyce, Owen Sound, Ont.; Pte. J. Sedor, Roslyn, Ont.; Pte. E. Lowery, Toronto; Pte. J. H. Nelson, Ireland.

Died of wounds—Major M. E. Widman (no address); Pte. L. P. Hainer, Brantford, Ont.; Pte. J. Casey, Bathurst, N.B.

Previously reported wounded: now reported wounded and missing—Lieut. R. Smith, England; Pte. S. Lock, England; Pte. T. Hayes, England; Pte. G. Milnes, England.

Missing—Pte. G. Lloyd, Bath, N.B.

Previously reported missing: now reported not missing—Pte. E. Hall, England; Pte. A. Labay, Arlington, S.D.; Pte. E. Leader, England; Pte. G. R. Mordue, Weir, Ont.; Pte. H. S. Main, England; Pte. F. W. McKelwaine, Pinder, N.B.; Pte. R. T. Hayes, La Have, N.S.; Pte. J. J. King, Trenton, Ont.

Dangerously ill—Sergeant H. Murphy, Dauphin, Man.; Pte. G. Patterson, Norway.

Wounded—Pte. J. Joyce, Toronto; Sergeant J. Gibson, Toronto; Pte. P. Fitch, Hamilton; Pte. C. Lines, Featherstone, Ont.; Pte. H. Hall, Brantford, Ont.; Pte. A. MacNaughton, Toronto; Pte. S. Matta, England; Pte. E. A. Wright, Brantford; Pte. F. Burrow, England; Pte. A. Coates, England; Pte. F. Clausen, Brantford; Pte. E. Murrell, Brantford; Pte. A. Bassinger, Toronto; Pte. P. McKay, Ireland; Lieut. H. N. Lane, Edmonton; Lieut. E. M. Johnston, Cutknife, Sask.; Lieut. L. S. Edgett, Hillsboro, N.B.; Lieut. J. Waddington, England; Lieut. W. J. Vickie, Englewood, Colo.; Lieut. T. Dickinson, Windsor, Ont.; Pte. A. Pink, Newfoundland; Pte. G. Herberts, North Battleford, Sask.; Pte. A. H. Robertson, Vancouver; Pte. E. Palmer, England; Pte. W. J. Brown, Rock Island, Ill.; Pte. H. Evans, England; Pte. L. J. Irwin, Hargh River, Alta.; Pte. W. C. Morgan, Toronto; Pte. H. Neighbour, Winnipeg; Pte. W. H. Hunter, Milestone, Sask.; Pte. B. Gerard, England; Pte. D. McDonald, Glace Bay, N.S.; Pte. D. Coulter, Scotland; Pte. J. J. Stiver, Winnipeg; Sergeant P. Hardy, Edmonton; Pte. A. Irwin, Gladstone, Man.; Pte. A. Frazee, Havlock, N.B.; Pte. D. McDonald, Glace Bay, N.S.; Pte. E. M. Anderson, Norway; Pte. J. Sturtevant, Victoria; Pte. W. Heywood, Hamilton; Pte. C. Gaudet, Antigonish, N.S.; Pte. R. Alderson, England; Pte. J. Field, St. Thomas, Ont.; Pte. M. Griesse, Toronto; Pte. L. Ferris, Brantford; Pte. W. Carruthers, London, Ont.; Pte. R. Sage, London, Ont.; Pte. R. Falconer, Hamilton, Ont.; Pte. A. Mountain, Hamilton; Pte. A. Anns, Hamilton; Pte. F. Tenevick, Hardville, Ont.; Pte. C. Fatch, Toronto; Pte. P. Fisher, Brantford, Ont.; Pte. J. Wilkinson, England; Pte. W. White, England; Pte. M. Hayes, Downer's Corner, Ont.; Pte. G. Baines, Galt, Ont.; Pte. R. West, Lompman, Sask.; Pte. E. Knott, Winnipeg; Pte. R. Phillips, Daysville, Sask.; Pte. W. Lonsdry, Fort Frances, Ont.; Pte. A. Herman, Dartmouth, N.S.; Pte. H. Gardner, New Zealand; Pte. T. Holt, England; Pte. J. P. Phillips, Toronto; Pte. J. Webber, Montreal; Pte. C. Mathews, Wilson's Beach, N.B.; Pte. F. Moore, Ireland; Pte. M. Daley, St. John, N.B.; Pte. A. Knight, Montreal; Pte. H. Glover, Montreal; Pte. A.

Crates, England; Pte. G. Ruby, New Hamburg, Ont.; Pte. W. Patch, Channel Islands; Pte. F. Gorbey, Brighton, Ont.; Pte. W. Hawkins, Hespeler, Ont.; Pte. G. Carter, Peterboro, Ont.; Pte. R. Allan, Brantford; Pte. L. Dunstan, Millbrook, Ont.; Pte. J. Letke, Brown, Man.; Pte. R. Eldridge, Windsor; Pte. G. Pte. J. Letke, Windsor; Pte. J. Hammond, Burlington, Ont.; Pte. H. Howell, England; Pte. H. Hall, Ireland; Pte. L. Bromley, Toronto; Cpl. D. Gunn, Scotland; Pte. J. Boulton, Montreal; Pte. H. Shannon, Berwick, Ont.; Pte. C. Roucher, Thorold, Ont.; Pte. H. Gouche, Edmonton; Pte. J. McLeod, Scotland; Pte. W. Christoff, Macedonia; Cpl. G. Hoover, Edmonton; Pte. W. Tobin, Montreal; Pte. W. Johnson, England; Pte. T. Roche, England; Pte. R. Bashford, Craik, Sask.; Pte. W. Conners, Burlington, N.S.; Pte. J. Aeneburg, Coldbrook, N.S.; Pte. F. Hurdie, Lunenburg, N.S.; Pte. J. Davis, New Glasgow, N.S.; Pte. H. Cowley, Winnipeg; Pte. F. Brown, St. John, N.B.; Pte. S. Primok, Russia; Pte. J. Cooper, Sydney, N.S.; Pte. R. Crouse, Torbrook Mines, N.S.; Pte. A. Lloyd, Scotland; Pte. P. Henry, Prescott, Ont.; Pte. J. Green, Vancouver; Pte. A. Irvine, Quebec; Pte. W. Wood, Salmon Arm, B.C.; Pte. W. Forest, Scotland; Pte. J. Okeefe, Selkirk, Man.; Pte. G. Slavin, Sydney Mines, N.S.; Pte. W. Bell, Winnipeg; Pte. F. Coldicott, Winnipeg; Pte. C. Horsefall, England; Pte. J. Irwin, Winnipeg; Pte. T. Evans, Calgary; Pte. E. Montague, England; Pte. L. Garlick (no address); Pte. C. L. Tucker, Wales; Pte. N. Cassidy, Earl Grey, Sask.; Pte. G. L. Bennett, Winnipeg; Pte. A. Woodward, Hamilton; Pte. H. L. Lewis, Winnipeg; Pte. T. Wilson, England.

Previously reported wounded: now cancelled, having been reported in error—Pte. C. H. Stevens, Ogema, Sask.

Mounted Rifles.

Died of wounds—Sergeant L. Roy, Swift Current, Sask.

Wounded—Pte. E. Bentley, Otter Point, B. C.; Lieut. G. C. Cook, Guelph, Ont.

Artillery.

Killed in action—Gnr. J. E. Clarkin, Elmville, P. E. I.; Gnr. J. Walker, Wales; Gnr. C. J. Sorenson, Rowley, Alta.

Died of wounds—Gnr. O. L. Pender, Palmerston, Ont.

Dangerously ill—Gnr. S. J. Woods, Niagara, Ont.

Wounded—Sergeant R. Paul, Listowel, Ont.; Gnr. E. Renne, Toronto; Gnr. D. McGlashan, Winnipeg; Capt. C. W. Birch, 1572 Vining Street, Victoria; Lieut. J. M. McAllum, Scotland; Sergeant A. N. McKinlay, Ireland; Gnr. J. J. Sutherland, Toronto; Gnr. W. Ager, England; Gnr. S. Wilson, Midland, Ont.; Gnr. J. Carman, Toronto; Gnr. R. Wilson, Toronto; Gnr. C. Herbert, Toronto; Gnr. D. McDonald, Sydney, N.S.; Gnr. R. Wheatley, Charlottetown, P. E. I.

Engineers.

Wounded—Sapper W. Goshoe, St. Charles, Mass.; Sapper A. Kraschuk, Russia; Sapper P. Moore, Parrissboro, N. S.

Services.

Wounded—Lieut. A. N. Ball, Grenfell, Sask.; Pte. E. Jones, Wales; Pte. G. Spencer, England; Pte. M. P. Miller, Vancouver; Cpl. J. Grey, Australia; Pte. M. Zim, Mount Forest, Ont.; Pte. W. Bryce, Hamilton, Ont.; Pte. R. N. Beckwith, 1273 McKenzie Street, Victoria; Pte. W. Hanratty, New York; Pte. C. B. Kelly, Cumberland Bay, N. S.; Pte. W. P. Marvin, Hillier, Ont.; Seriously ill—Cpl. E. T. Vaughan, Toronto.

## BORDEN AND MORRIS, HAZEN AND ROGERS ARRIVED TOGETHER

Quebec, May 15.—Hon. Sir Robert Borden, Rt. Hon. Sir Edward Morris, Prime Minister of Newfoundland, and two members of the Canadian Cabinet, Hon. Robert Rogers, Minister of Public Works, and Hon. J. D. Hazen, Minister of Marine, who had been attending meetings of the Imperial War Cabinet and the Imperial War Conference in England, returned to Canada yesterday.

Just after his arrival, asked by a correspondent, Sir Robert said that he regretted he would not be able to make any statement concerning the Imperial War Conference until he had reached Ottawa.

He spent only a short time in Quebec before taking a special train over the Intercolonial Railway for the capital.

## Could Not Lift Stick of Wood

Would Almost Faint From Severe  
Pain in Back—Doctors Could  
Not Get the Kidneys Set  
Right

Benton, N. B., April 13.—A great many people suffer the results of deranged kidneys and do not understand the cause of trouble or the way to obtain cure. The writer of this letter suffered excruciating pains in the back and in vain his physician tried to cure him. For some reason or other his medicines did not have the desired effect.

Mr. Olt's brother was a merchant selling among other medicines, Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills, and he heard his customer telling about how they were cured of kidney derangements by their use. This led to Mr. Olt's putting them to the test, with the splendid results reported in this letter.

Mr. E. C. Olt, Benton, Carleton County, N. B., writes: "I am glad to let you know how much your medicine has done for me. I suffered from my kidneys, which at one time were so bad I could not lift a stick of wood without getting on my knees, and then would almost faint from the pain in my back. I consulted a doctor about it, and he gave me some medicine, but it did not help me. My brother, who is a merchant, and carries all your medicines, advised me to try Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills. I got one box, and they helped me, so I got another one, and kept on until I had taken five boxes, which cured me. I have had no trouble with my back since, and am now well without Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills in the house. Last summer I also suffered from piles. I used three boxes of your Ointment, and it cured them. I can certainly recommend Dr. Chase's Pills and Ointment."

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Ottawa, May 15.—In answer to a question by Fred F. Pardee, Liberal, West Lambton, Ontario, the Minister of Militia gave out information in the Commons yesterday afternoon concerning answers received on the National Service cards. The total number of replies secured was 1,549,360. Classified as "military prospects," the totals were as follows:

Between 17 and 30 years of age, single with no dependents, 53,897; between 17 and 30, single, with no dependents, but engaged, in agriculture, shipbuilding, munitions, or mining, 40,185; between 31 and 45, single with no dependents, 13,634; between 31 and 45, single with no dependents, but engaged in agriculture, shipbuilding, munitions or mining, 11,525; between 17 and 45, single with no dependents, 50,575; between 17 and 45, married with dependents, 92,469; between 17 and 45, married and single with dependents, but engaged in agriculture, etc., 97,995. Total military prospects, or without regard to service, 500,000. Of these, 40 per cent. are engaged in agriculture, shipbuilding, munitions or mining, 204,470.

The statement declared that the entire male population might be considered agricultural prospects, 134 men had given their trade as shipbuilding, while 3,019 men had declared themselves as tool makers, tool setters, etc., and many of these had been employed in this service since sending in their cards. The statement continued: "Under the order-in-council, each director is authorized to decide whether or not in any particular case the services of an individual are more important to the state in a civil than in a military capacity. Having regard to these provisions, no effort has been made up to the present to determine which work may or may not be regarded as non-essential, the circumstances of each particular case having been considered as occasion has necessitated."

## BURNING ZEPPELIN SEEN FROM HOLLAND

London, May 15.—A zeppelin with three gondolas enveloped in heavy smoke was sighted yesterday at Terschelling, Holland, a Reuter dispatch from Harlingen, Holland, reports. When the smoke disappeared fifteen minutes later the zeppelin was no longer to be seen.

## BRITISH CENSOR IS GIVEN SENTENCE

London, May 15.—A sentence of three years' penal servitude has been meted out to an assistant censor of cables at the Press Bureau here "for collecting without authority and communicating information calculated to be useful to the enemy, contrary to the Defence of the Realm Act."

The censor was Anthony Thomas Spalding, 48 years of age. He had sent what he called "bits of information" in a letter to a friend. The court, asserting that Spalding had had no intention of assisting the enemy or his life would have been the forfeit.

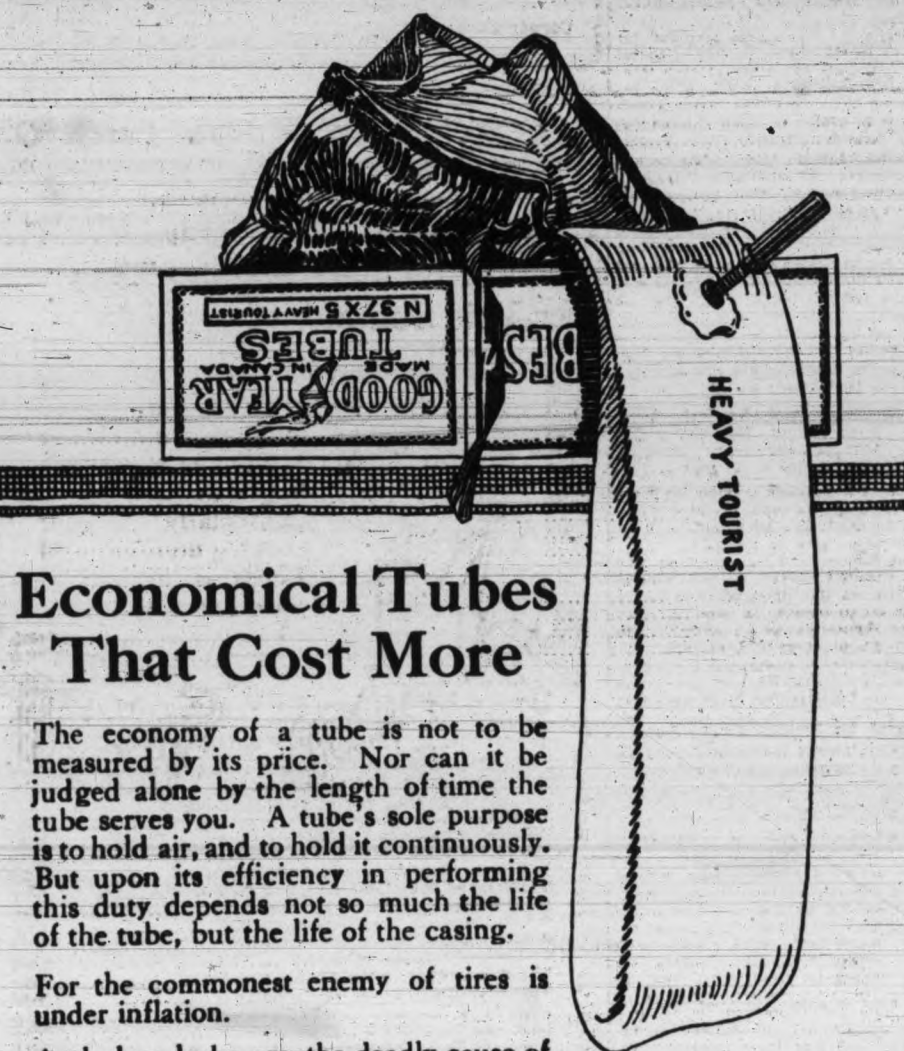
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### MR. MACDONALD'S RESIGNATION

Mr. Macdonald's retirement from the ministry was rendered inevitable by the proceedings of the inquiry into the Cowper charges, apart altogether from the actual findings of the Commission. Granted that the evidence did not challenge his personal integrity, that the contribution under investigation was not shown to have been Canadian Northern money, the bare fact that he was in receipt of funds from any person intimately connected with the promoters of that company, no matter for what purpose, was enough to compromise his position in the public mind. This, not the form or details of them, constitute the gravamen of the Cowper charges. Campaign funds from the Canadian Northern, the Pacific Great Eastern or anybody directly connected with them, are tainted, for they are intended to shackle the independence and mar the usefulness of those in whose behalf they are made. We have only to refer to the millions of dollars of trust moneys released to those companies by the late administration in utter violation of the law to illustrate the possibilities which flow from the receipt of campaign funds from such sources by an individual for public office.

Mr. Brewster yesterday stated his attitude on this subject most emphatically. The resignation of the Attorney-General, he said, had been accepted because of the fact, apart from all undisclosed considerations, that money was received by him from one who was very closely associated with a railway corporation which had obtained favors from the Province, and the general impression must be that it was given with the idea of influencing the action of the Government. In view of the record it was hardly necessary for the Premier to remind the House that if such were the object of the contribution under recent investigation the contributors were very greatly mistaken. The stiff rebuff Sir William Mackenzie received here last January and the haste with which he made Ottawa transfer the C. N. P. system in British Columbia from the jurisdiction of the province to that of the Dominion Railway Commission, furnish eloquent proof of this.

If the recent development is a mine laid and exploded from Toronto in the expectation that it would bury the Government among the ruins and restore an administration which would dance every time Sir William Mackenzie cracked the whip, we hope he will peruse and inwardly digest the report of the proceedings in the Legislature yesterday afternoon, particularly the following observation by Mr. Brewster: "I want it understood, Mr. Speaker, and I think the country generally does understand, that when it comes to the place where there is the slightest suggestion that there is any corporate interest, railway or other, controlling this Government I refuse to allow that imputation to exist and I am going to have it thrashed out so that the truth may be made plain."

### PETAÏN IN COMMAND.

The appointment of General PetaÏn to be commander-in-chief of the French armies on the western front is somewhat of a surprise in view of his recent selection as Chief-of-Staff of the war ministry. It has been reported, however, that the French authorities have not been satisfied with the nature of the operations conducted by their armies in the present offensive on the ground that they have not been on a sufficient scale to achieve the most satisfactory results. Some critics have claimed that the operations should have been accompanied by determined offensives at other important points, the Allies thereby taking the fullest advantage of their superiority in human and material resources and still further embarrassing the German command.

When Joffre retired from the chief command to become the adviser of the war ministry he recommended PetaÏn as his successor. The mere fact that this soldier, who was only a colonel when the war began, had the recommendation of Joffre was conclusive in itself, for the hero of the Marne is unsurpassed as a judge of military leaders. PetaÏn, however, declined the post for reasons not then stated, but it was currently reported that he would not accept the responsibility unless he was given the supreme direction of all the operations on the western front, including those conducted by the British forces. However that may be, he recommended General Nivelle, of the army of Verdun, retaining command of the group of armies between Rheims and the Vosges. Nivelle now takes command of an army group, probably the forces co-operating with the British in the present offensive.

PetaÏn was in supreme command of the immortal legions which held Verdun for France in the great German offensive last year. When the enemy's attack began Joffre sent de Castelnau to the scene with instructions to examine the situation and act at his own discretion. De Castelnau decided that Verdun should be defended and sent for PetaÏn, who already had distinguished himself in Artois and the Champagne. A writer in the Paris *Matin* graphically describes the brief colloquy between the two great soldiers as they surveyed the scene of the Crown Prince's desperate enterprise. "They must not pass," de Castelnau said. "They shall not pass," was PetaÏn's response. And they did not pass. With extraordinary energy PetaÏn organized a marvellous motor transport from Bar-le-Duc to take the place of the chief railroad communication already dominated by German artillery. Thousands of motor trucks night and day carried reinforcements and material to the gallant defenders on the heights of the Meuse during the four months of the most terrible fighting of the war up to that time. The result was that Germany's last great stroke in the west was defeated with a loss of more than 500,000. PetaÏn and his magnificent army justified the faith that France reposed in them, and Sir Douglas Haig was given abundant time in which to prepare the mighty blow at the Somme which finally sealed the enemy's crushing defeat along the Meuse.

General Foch will succeed PetaÏn as chief of staff to the war ministry. This also is an excellent appointment. Foch was once described by Joffre as "the greatest strategist in Europe" and in this war he has amply justified the eulogy. He shares with Joffre the chief credit for the victory at the Marne, the victory that saved Europe and civilization. It was his masterly stroke near Fere-Champenoise which broke the German centre and at once relieved von Kluck's pressure upon the French left, enforcing a precipitate German retreat to the Aisne. Subsequently it was Foch who came to French assistance in the terrific first battle of Ypres, and who later conducted a series of brilliant operations in Artois. Last year he commanded the French armies in the Somme offensive undertaken in conjunction with the British. He was withdrawn from the battlefield some months ago under the French age regulation, which is never relaxed. Before the war he was an instructor in the far-famed Polytechnique, in which, most of France's great soldiers received their training, and enjoyed a continental reputation as the author of a remarkably able treatise on tactics.

### A CONTRAST.

Judging by the tone of the discussion in the United States Senate yesterday food manipulators and speculators who imagine that the intervention of their country in the war is a fine, fat opportunity for them to enrich themselves are going to be swiftly and bitterly disillusioned. Senators without regard to political affiliations and fiscal theories unanimously branded these gentry as deserving of the most drastic treatment and there can be little doubt that legislation of a very radical character will be adopted by Congress as well as the state legislatures to meet the situation. When our neighbors are in

the mood indicated by the vigor of their remarks of yesterday they are not likely to concern themselves with the feelings of special privilege, and the sound of the big stick coming down hard upon the pate of the food trust will echo around the world.

The discussion in the Senate is in striking contrast with a debate on the same subject at Ottawa a short time ago. There, when several members called attention to the dizzy flight of the prices of flour and other commodities, Sir Thomas White and the entire Government circle rushed to the defence of the combines. Mr. Crothers, the Minister of Labor, said he had sent an officer of his department to obtain information and was very busy writing letters on the subject. Sir George Foster was in Washington seeing about it and in the course of his remarks he said "It is not possible for any Government to accomplish very much with respect to the high cost of living." From not one Government member came a whisper of criticism. The directorates of the food combines themselves could not have been more circumspect in their own interests. There can be nothing more ostrich-like in its stupidity than the attitude of the Ottawa authorities towards this question. They appear to regard the danger as a mirage that will pass away itself. We never shall have a food board or adequate leadership in the matter of food control or production from that source. The Ministers would hide under the bed if the millers sneezed.

### MORE OVERPAYMENTS.

The auditors who have been investigating the provincial accounts report overpayments to the Canadian Northern Pacific Railway aggregating \$5,671,564. This is to say the company received that enormous amount in excess of what it earned on construction account, in direct violation of the trust provision of the statute. As in the case of the P. G. E., it was expressly stipulated that the proceeds from the sale of bonds guaranteed by the Province should be released to the company by the Finance Minister proportionately to the progress of construction. That provision was treated by the late administration as a dead letter, a "scrap of paper," and the company evidently had only to ask in order to receive. The result is the two companies received over \$11,000,000 to which they were not entitled under the law.

The overpayments to the C. N. P., like those to the P. G. E., began early in the work. They were objected to by Mr. Gamble, the Government Engineer, who, as usual, was over-ruled. This must have been as far back as five or six years ago, at the very time those "financial wizards" Mackenzie & Mann were being described by Sir Richard McBride, W. J. Bowser & Co., as the white hopes of this Province. As a matter of fact, they were even then beginning to squeeze that juicy lemon, the public credit of British Columbia, making enormous profits on construction account without regard to value given. We recall they came back for more subsidies because they were possessed of an intense desire to "improve the standard" of their system and the Government of the day gave them what they wanted. Is it any wonder that the P. G. E. promoters were anxious to share the picnic, to while away a few profitable years in this promoters' paradise? What Mackenzie & Mann could accomplish so handsily, surely the P. G. E. operators could do just as easily! All they needed to do was to present a railway project to the Government just before election time, put up the campaign expenses and the trick was done. The company could do the real thing, including the public and the Government would not dare to interfere with the game even if it desired to do so.

The Canadian Northern Pacific railway has received sufficient in overpayments to complete its system and terminals on this Island. Instead of doing this Sir William Mackenzie had the nerve only last January to ask for more bond guarantees—another lemon to squeeze, no doubt—as a condition for the performance by his company of the undertakings it bound itself to carry out in a solemn covenant with the people of this Province eight years ago. Whether the Canadian Northern and Pacific Great Eastern buccaners realize by this time that their day of credit commanding of subsidy grabbing, of Government domination in British Columbia, is at an end, we do not know, but the sooner they do so the sooner they will appreciate the futility of trying to intrigue their friends back to the treasury benches.

The Allies have undertaken to equip any expeditionary force that may be organized in the United States by Colonel Roosevelt. That would seem to remove the last objection Congress can think of against the proposition of the Colonel. Under present conditions time is the essence of the undertaking to which the United States has set its hand, and the presence of an American contingent commanded by Roosevelt would have a tremendously inspiring effect upon the spirit of the

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The intimation that Great Britain and France are prepared to arm and equip the volunteer force raised by Colonel Roosevelt should go a long way to influence the Washington authorities to send these troops overseas as soon as possible. It might be possible, indeed, to handle in this way the major part of the entire number enrolled under the Roosevelt banner, which now aggregates nearly 200,000 men, more than the number recruited by the Government for the National Guard.

Mr. Crothers, Minister of Labor, is trying to solve the food question by writing letters to the combines asking them if it is true that they are "unduly" enhancing prices. When said combines reply that these charges are wickedly false, Mr. Crothers will triumphantly exclaim to the House of Commons, "There, I told you so!"

From New York comes the report that Herbert Hoover, head of the United States food board, may be asked to control the situation in Canada also. What is the matter with the Canadian Government? Is it paralyzed altogether? Why does it not set up its own organization? Is it going to leave everything to the municipalities and women's councils?

The Vancouver Province dreams daily of the return of Mr. Bowser to power. Does our optimistic contemporary really believe that the politician who was a party to the over-payment of \$11,000,000 to two railway companies with which he was associated as solicitor ever again will be entrusted with the management of our affairs?

With the registration of eight thousand women voters in Victoria and a corresponding number in other electoral districts, a new element has been injected into our political affairs that may upset the best-laid plans of practical politicians.

The Soldiers' and Workmen's Delegates of Russia, in an appeal issued to the army, indicate that they realize that while the settlement of the internal affairs of the republic is important, the future of the country is in peril while Kaiserism knocks at the door.

Thus far the Russian revolution has been comparatively bloodless; but the coup is by no means complete. Chaos sits upon the throne of the Romanoffs. Order must be restored, and the question remains as to how it can be done.

Root, the head of the American commission to Russia, is 73 years of age. Balfour, the British commissioner to the United States, is 68. Young men for war; old men for counsel.

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Sizes 5 to 7, a pair .....\$2.00  
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Want Sunday Observance.—The latest trade to seek Sunday closing is that of the shoeshiners, and in City Council last evening a petition to that effect was read. It was sent to the Police Commission for attention.

Will Not Change Name.—The City Council was informed by the Oak Bay Council last evening that Oak Bay objects to the change of the name of Fowl Bay Road. No further effort will be made to alter the name.

Dies of Wounds.—According to advices received here yesterday by relatives, Private Edward V. S. Bloomfield has succumbed to wounds received on May 5. He was well-known in Victoria and in other parts of the province.

The Legal Status.—Before dealing with the complaint of a nuisance at the excavation of the First Baptist Church, which it is stated can only be effectively checked by filling in, the City Council last evening decided to obtain data on the responsibility for the abatement, since the legal title to the property is complicated.

Convention to-morrow.—The nominating convention of the Liberals of the Cariboo riding is scheduled to take place at Kamloops to-morrow, when a candidate to succeed Joseph Martin, K. C., will be named. There is a great deal of interest being shown throughout the upper country in consequence of the number of aspirants for the honor in the field.

Made Supreme Sacrifice.—Enlisting and going overseas with the Western Universities Battalion, Private Harold W. Huestis, son of the Rev. C. H. Huestis, secretary of the Lords' Day Alliance for Alberta and British Columbia, has died of wounds received on March 27. He has been a hospital patient in Boulogne for several weeks and died on April 27 at the age of 21.

Will Talk on Pilgrimage.—Captain C. I. Harris will regale the members of the Rotary Club at the weekly luncheon on Thursday with some of the sidelights on Pilgrimage. The entertainment committee is down for an entirely new "acquaintance stunt." The subject of enlightening the services of school boys for harvest work will also be introduced.

Weather Forecast.—The barometer remains abnormally low over the interior and showers have been general from the Coast to Kootenay, and rain is now falling in parts of Oregon and Washington states. Fine hot weather continues in the Prairie Provinces. The forecasts for 36 hours ending 5 p. m. Wednesday in Victoria and vicinity: "Fresh to strong westerly and southerly winds, generally fair, not much change in temperature."

Nurses Should Register.—Major G. A. B. Hall states that in view of the fact that so many nurses have gone overseas many graduate nurses desirous of doing military work should submit their names to the A. D. M. S. for this military district in case further calls should be made. Many Victoria ladies are already serving in the hospitals in England and France as well as in Salonica, and it is quite possible that more may be required.

Mothers' Bakery Destroyed.—Mothers' Bakery, occupied by Penrose Brothers, situated at the corner of Cloverdale Avenue and Inverness Street, was destroyed by fire yesterday afternoon, and the roof and west wall of 907 Inverness Street, adjoining was also burnt. If the men from No. 5 hall had not arrived, the fire would have attained serious dimensions in that closely settled neighborhood. The city firemen went out on reprimand that a serious conflagration was threatened, thereby keeping the promise which was made to help Saanich in case the district was threatened. The bakery had been burnt before the company arrived.

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Delegates to the thirty-first annual conference of the Methodist Church are fast arriving in the city from various parts of the province to take part in the deliberations which will be inaugurated to-morrow at the Metropolitan Methodist Church. Methodist ministers, delegates and their wives, to the number of 300, will be assembled in the city in connection with this important religious assembly. The conference will open to-morrow night with a patriotic service which will be addressed by Premier H. C. Brewster and the Rev. Dr. W. J. Sippell, D.D., pastor of the Mount Pleasant Methodist Church, Vancouver. The business sessions of the conference will start at 9 o'clock on Thursday, May 22.

There will be a series of services at the various Methodist churches in the city and adjoining municipalities on Sunday, May 20, when services will be conducted by Rev. C. M. Tait, Rev. Robert Wilkinson, Rev. James Endicott, D. D.; Rev. B. M. Thompson, Rev. Thomas Koyworth, Rev. A. E. Hetherington, B. A.; Rev. D. M. Perley, B. A.; Rev. Hugh Dobson, Rev. A. E. Roberts, Rev. W. E. Dunham, Rev. B. C. Freeman, Rev. W. W. Abbott, B. A.; Rev. F. W. Hardy, M. A.; Rev. J. Green, Rev. W. S. A. Crux, B. A.; Rev. R. W. Hibbert, M. A.; Rev. H. A. Ireland, Rev. R. C. Scott, B. A.; Rev. E. M. Wright, Rev. C. F. Connor, Rev. J. C. Switzer, Rev. Robert Wilkinson, Rev. J. W. Miller, M. A.; Rev. D. and Rev. W. Gordon Tanner, B. A.

The programme for the week is as follows: Patriotic service, Wednesday, May 16, at 8 p.m. Speakers, Premier H. C. Brewster and Rev. W. J. Sippell, D.D. Educational, Thursday, May 17, 8 a.m. Reports of Byerson and Columbia Colleges.

Reception service, Friday, May 18, at 8 p.m. Speakers, Rev. J. F. Dimmick and Rev. O. M. Stanford. Monday evening, May 21, musical programme by Metropolitan choir. Social service and evangelism, Tuesday, May 22, 8 p.m. Speakers, Rev. Hugh Dobson, B. A.; Rev. D. and Rev. Ernest Thomas.

Morning devotional meetings—Thursday, May 17, 9 a.m.—"The Church and Missions," Rev. Geo. W. Dean. Friday, May 18, 9 a.m.—"The Church and Evangelism," Rev. Chas. Ladner. Saturday, May 19, 9 a.m.—"The Church and Social Service," Rev. F. B. Stacey.

Monday, May 21, 9 a.m.—"The Church and Recruitment for the Ministry," Rev. J. P. Bowell. Tuesday, May 22, 9 a.m.—"The Church and the Motive and Method of Pastoral Visitation," Rev. R. C. Wilkinson.

Two Returned.—Two soldiers returned on the afternoon boat from Vancouver—Pte. Fitzgerald and Pte. Peterson. They reported at Esquimalt Convalescent Hospital.

Esquimalt Chapter.—The regular monthly meeting of the Esquimalt Chapter, O. D. E., was held at the residence of Mrs. Bishop, Greenwood Avenue, last Monday. There was a large attendance of members. The convener of the wool committee reported 56 pairs of socks sent in to "Red Cross" for the month and 33 pairs received for the men of the "Rainbow," leaving for patrol duty on the Atlantic. Members who have not yet sent their contribution towards this object are requested to forward same as soon as possible to Mrs. Musgrave. Mrs. Grainger reported visits to the Convalescent Hospital, Esquimalt, and asked for cushions for the men. Fifteen were donated. Mrs. Story kindly offered to send them to the hospital. The resolutions and amendments forwarded from the National Chapter were taken up and the delegate instructed how to vote at the annual meeting on May 28. It was decided to tax each member individually to meet the municipal assessment. Two new members were elected—Mrs. Thomson and Mrs. Hankey. Mrs. Story gave an interesting account of the aims and objects of the "Educational League" and enrolled several members.

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## ORIENTAL PROGRAMME FOR THURSDAY NIGHT

Interesting Recital by Ladies' Musical Club to Be at Empress

The Oriental programme which is to be given on Thursday evening at the Empress Hotel under the auspices of the Ladies' Musical Club contains items of very exceptional interest, several never previously having been performed in the city. Among these are some of the numbers in the Casse Noisette Suite by Tchaikowsky, which is to be open the programme. An eleven-piece orchestra under the direction of Mr. Hamilton Earle will present the suite. The pianoforte numbers by Mr. Leslie Grossmith will also be quite new here, and lovers of Liza Lehmann's beautiful "In a Persian Garden" will half the announcement that the whole song cycle is to be given as the second part of the programme.

The following will constitute the recital: 1. Orchestra—Casse Noisette Suite—(Nut Crackers) Suite—Tchaikowsky. (a) Marche; (b) Danse de la Fee Dragée; (c) Danse Arabe; (d) Danse Russe. First violin—Mrs. J. R. Green, Mrs. R. Bristol Bennett, Miss E. M. Williams. Second violin—Mrs. Murphy, Miss Violet Mesher, Mr. Simmers. Viola—Miss Ida Morris. Cello—Mr. Ricks. First flute—Mr. H. Searle. Second flute—Mr. E. K. McAdam. Drums and effects—Mr. F. Holman. Conductor—Mr. Hamilton Earle.

2. Ladies' Musical Club Chorus—An Indian Cradle Song—H. A. Matthews. Words by Sarojini Naidu. 3. Piano—(a) Rhapsodie Hindie, Leslie Grossmith, founded on Hindustani Melodies; (b) Romance Celestial, "Picking Flowers in the Emperor's Garden." The treatment of this romance suggests the ancient organum of singing the melody in 5ths and 4ths and requires careful attention to the dynamic effects. The upper melody forte, the lower melody piano, the accompaniment pianissimo, Mr. Leslie Grossmith.

4. Vocal—Sayonara (Farewell)—A Japanese Romance—Cadmian, (a) "I Saw Thee First When Cherries Bloomed;" (b) "At the Feast of the Dead I Watched Thee;" (c) "All My Heart Is Ashes;" (d) duet, "The Wild Dove Cries on Fleeting Wing"—Mrs. Robert Baird, Mr. H. J. Davis. 5. Vocal—"One Fine Day"—Pacient from Madame Butterfly. Miss Mona Misonner.

Part II.—"In a Persian Garden"—Liza Lehmann. Song cycle for four solo voices, with piano accompaniment by Mrs. J. R. Green. The words selected from Rubairat of Omar Khayyam. Miss Eva Hart, Mrs. Robert Baird, Mr. Edmund Potch, Mr. H. J. Davis. God Save the King. Accompanists—Mrs. J. R. Green, Mrs. A. J. Gibson, Miss Lotus Griffith.

## DIES SUDDENLY

Mrs. Martha York Passes Away After Short Illness; Came Here in 1875.

The death occurred on Sunday evening, terminating a very brief illness of a few hours, of Mrs. Martha York, wife of Mr. Joseph York, 1525 Belcher Street.

The deceased lady was very well-known in the city. Her husband, Mr. York, came to Victoria in 1852 in the time of the gold rush into the Cariboo country and was, consequently, one of the very early settlers of the province. Mrs. York was a native of Coventry, England, and came to Victoria in 1875, the year in which she married, making the journey from New York to San Francisco by the then new overland route. The family returned to England in 1885, returning about ten years later and settling down permanently in the city.

Seventy-four years of age at the time of her death, Mrs. York was for years noted for her activities in social work, for many years having been a member of the Women's Auxiliary of the Provincial Royal Jubilee Hospital, and in addition to this having been a constant subscriber to numerous philanthropic undertakings. She was unusually active for a woman of her years, and right up to the day of her death took a keen interest in everything. She spent much of her leisure time knitting socks for soldiers.

There survive besides her husband two sons, Messrs. J. W. D. and L. S. V. York. There are also two sisters living, Mrs. W. R. and Mrs. A. C. Wilson, both in England; and a brother, who is also living in the Old Country.

The funeral has been arranged to take place to-morrow afternoon at 2.30 o'clock from the residence. Interment will be in Ross Bay cemetery.

Public Market.—The mid-week market will open early to-morrow morning with a large display of farm produce of various kinds. Spring vegetables will be in evidence and flowers and poultry in abundance.

Cannot Move Platform.—The City Council was asked last evening to transfer the stage and dressing room now at Stadacona Park to the Alexandra House grounds, but it was stated that the stage could not be moved without damaging the trees at the park. This had been ascertained when an attempt had been made to move the building on a previous occasion.

Invites Board of Trade.—President Lewis of the Victoria branch of the Canadian Society of Civil Engineers, extends to the members of the Victoria Board of Trade a hearty invitation to be present at a lecture to be delivered in the board room, Belmont Block, to-morrow, Wednesday evening, at 8 o'clock. The subject of the lecture will be "The Sooke Lake Water Works."

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Blue Cross Gymkhana.—The Blue Cross committee wishes to thank those who so kindly contributed prizes for the Blue Cross gymkhana, as follows: Mrs. Ashdown Green, W. H. Wilkerson, Mrs. Guy Langton, Mr. Virtue, Victoria Fuel Co., W. Duncan, B. C. Saddlery, Brown's Hardware Co., Drake Hardware Co., Fit-Reform, W. S. Terry, George Powell & Sons, Lane & Son, Henderson's Riding Academy, McCleave's Riding School, M. Malone, Hudson Bay, Sylvester Feed Co., Royal Dairy, Dean & Hiscocks, Angus Campbell, Campbell's Drug Store, Fairbanks-Morse.

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The eight part production of Hall Caine's immortal story, "The Christian," starring Earle Williams as John Storm, and Edith Story as Glory Quayle, will be the attraction at the Royal Victoria commencing to-day and for the balance of this week. There will be four performances given each day, the first commencing at 2.30 and every two hours after.

Thrilling with love, beauty, hatred and success, this play has attracted in addition to the regular patrons of the theatres, thousands of people who rarely attend a performance, but the knowledge of the book, and the strength of the story, have made it almost imperative for them to witness the screen version.

It is to be especially noted, that the play is non-sectarian and non-biblical. The film shows the actual scenes of the story in London and on the Isle of Man, and the whole play was prepared under the personal direction of Hall Caine, author of the original novel. The play was first shown at the Manhattan Opera House, New York, where it played the record run of eight months. The prices have not been raised for this engagement, and it will be the first city in Canada that has not done so.

### THE VARIETY.

Some very fine pictures of the war dance and carnival at Vancouver are being shown at the Variety to-night. Those who failed to visit Vancouver on the big occasion should not fail to see the pictures. They are in addition to the regular programme.

### THE DOMINION.

Fashionable Palm Beach, Florida, and aristocratic Riverside Drive, New York City, figure prominently in "Gloria's Romance," the big motion picture novel that started last night at the Dominion Theatre. Billie Burke, the famous international stage favorite, has the leading role in this new motion picture, and it is expected she will score a triumph even greater as a film actress than she did when appearing on the speaking stage.

In the first two chapters of the story Miss Burke will appear in a Lucile frock, a suit of boys' clothes, some dainty pyjamas, a \$275 negligee, the garb of a Seminole Indian squaw, and another Lucile gown. During the course of the production she will wear more than \$40,000 worth of Henri Bendel, Lucile and Balmain frocks, besides a coat of Russian sable valued at \$15,000, a blue and gold and metal embroidered evening coat trimmed with silver fox fur, and a dinner gown trimmed with lace that was priced at \$150 per yard. On the same bill Mme. Petrova is seen in her latest success, "Extravagance."

### SUBMARINE MENACE

Captain Sorcho Presents Novel and Instructive Turn at Pantages Theatre.

The call of the deep blue sea and the mysteries which crowd the legends of Neptune's domain are certainly broad in their appeal to the theatre goers of Victoria judging from the crowded houses which witnessed the submarine act of Captain Louis Sorcho which is being presented during the week at Pantages popular vaudeville house. The turn is really two-fold in its

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TO-DAY  
HENRY KOLKEN  
In  
"THE WARNING"

The act of Captain Louis Sorcho which is being presented during the week at Pantages popular vaudeville house. The turn is really two-fold in its

appeal. As a demonstration of the intricacies of the divers' suit and instruments including suit, weighted belt, helmet, air tube and telephone, it gives a comprehensive view of the methods employed. It enables man to penetrate even to the distant green depths of the treacherous sea; and as an exhibition of modern deep sea warfare it presents to the audience a most realistic scene of the manoeuvres of the submarine craft. Its appeal in this latter respect is very great at the present time owing to the remarkable advances which have been made by engineers and scientists in perfecting this demon of destruction. The audience was held spell-bound by the capable manner in which the captain piloted his model craft.

The observer was first presented with the diver resting peacefully at the surface of the sea from which position it submerges and gradually sinks to the bottom of the tank. The complete control exercised by the captain was then discerned when the "sub" commenced to rise, but coming to a position mid-way to the surface it again became stationary. The launching of the torpedo, firing of the auxiliary gun and the sinking of the victim liner followed in realistic manner, not least in effectiveness being the exploding of a mine which threw an immense volume of water high into the air.

Another feature of the current bill is Andersen's Revue, an act in which songs and dances rival each other for the predominance of merit. The "Barefoot Dance" in which seven dainty woodland nymphs tripped "the light fantastic toe" through glades and forest dells, won repeated applause.

Freddy James, the "World's Worst Juggler" is certainly assured of being one of the favorites of the week. The title by which he is described is entirely accurate, for of juggling, Freddy knows but little. But as a performer with an unlimited and unending flow of patter, the most original which has featured the local stage of late, he is gifted with ample talent.

"The Absent-Minded Professor" in which Ethel Hynes and Bert Stoddard star is a comic playlet in which the elements of mirth, pathos and melody are cleverly blended. The piano, violin, and cello are used by the musicians in an appealing manner. The rendering of the "Rosary" on the last named to the accompaniment of the organ was executed with special effect at the close of the scene.

First in position on the programme but by no means least in merit was the acrobatic turn presented by Jerome and Carson entitled "In a Nifty Vaudeville Breeze." The lightning feats of these clever performers were deserving of the cordial reception which they received.

Pearl White starring in the eleventh episode of "Pearl of the Army" added additional romance and mystery to an exceptionally fine bill.

### AT THE HOTELS

A. W. Oliver, of Ladner, is staying at the Dominion.

Mrs. Ellen Casey, of San Francisco, is at the Metropolis.

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N. McMillan, of Sidney Inlet, is stopping at the Dominion Hotel.

P. McGowan, of Toronto, is in the city, registered at the Metropolis.

J. H. Moore, of Seattle, is staying in the city at the Metropolis Hotel.

H. Mahren is down from Nanaimo and stopping at the Dominion Hotel.

R. A. Webster and Mrs. Webster, of Cochrane, Alta., are at the Dominion.

S. D. McGee and O. McLeod, of Vancouver, are registered at the Metropolis.

W. Ghould, of Philadelphia, registered at the Dominion Hotel yesterday.

The Rev. W. T. Keating, of Cowichan Station, is at the Dominion Hotel.

Lieut. McCaig is down from Courtenay, and is staying at the Strathcona Hotel.

Major and Mrs. Hickey, of Parksville, are stopping at the Strathcona Hotel.

Mr. L. P. Cameron and wife, of Ft. Townsend, are registered at the Metropolis.

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Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ludham, of Taunton, Mass., are guests at the Empress Hotel.

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## CIVIL SERVICE BILL

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Legislative Press Gallery,

May 14.

A great number of bills were taken up in the House to-day, chiefly in committee of the whole, and much progress was made, especially at the night sitting, which lasted well on into the morning.

The civil service bill was practically completed and was taken up in committee of the whole, A. M. Manson (Omineca) in the chair.

The salary of the one commissioner who will constitute the civil service commission is fixed at \$5,000 by statute, the Premier moving an amendment to that effect as a substitute for the original proposal to leave the matter of salary to the Lieut.-Governor-in-Council.

#### Re-Grading.

In connection with the re-grading of the service bill proposed that those now in the service who are retained under the new organization shall be graded irrespective of age and according to the salary now received, nothing in the new Act to prejudicially affect that salary.

M. B. Jackson (The Islands) moved in amendment that such officials should be graded irrespective of age or salary according to their abilities, his amendment preserving the protection against any prejudicial effect to present salaries.

The amendment was adopted, and the announcement by the chairman of that fact drew from Mr. Bowser a suggestion that it was being railroaded through.

The Premier resented warmly any such suggestion, and assured the House that there was no desire to stifle discussion. The Leader of the Opposition had not risen to make any remark and the chairman had naturally put the question.

#### Chairman Cannot Vote.

"My judgment is right as to the volume of ayes and noes," said the chairman. "The amendment is carried. I am able to take care of myself if the Leader of the Opposition is." Mr. Bowser raised the question of the chairman's right to vote.

"If the honorable gentleman has a point to raise let him raise it," the chairman remarked.

Mr. Bowser said he raised the point of order that the chairman could not vote unless there was a tie.

Consultation of the authorities showed that while chairmen of select committees can vote the chairman of the committee of the whole is in the same position as the Speaker, and can only vote on a tie.

The age limit of those who seek to enter class four was raised from 40 to 50 years, except in respect of provincial constables, on motion of J. E. W. Thompson (Grand Forks).

Mr. Bowser suggested that the section forbidding any attempts to influence the commission ought to be strengthened by a penalty.

The section as to a preference being given to a returned soldier was held over for further consideration. The Premier reiterated his announcement that all preference possible would be given to soldiers who were competent and deserving.

The bill will be again taken up in committee.

#### TURKISH REPORT.

Constantinople, May 15.—The two Russian detachments which crossed the upper Dnieper (Melesmanian front) have been driven back across the river with heavy losses, the War Office announced yesterday.

## OVER-PAYMENTS TO CANADIAN NORTHERN

Nearly Six Million Dollars in  
Excess of Legal  
Proportion

### WHAT AUDITORS FOUND ON CLOSE EXAMINATION

Northern Construction Com-  
pany Had Practically All Con-  
tracts for Construction

Legislative Press Gallery,

May 14.

That the Canadian Northern Pacific Railway Company is in the same position as the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company in the matter of having received over-payments from the trust funds in the hands of the Minister of Finance has been known for some time.

Evidence that the over-payment approaches six million dollars—comes in the course of a report from Price, Waterhouse & Co., submitted to the Minister of Railways on Saturday and presented to the House this afternoon.

The amounts paid in excess of the proportionate payments which the company was entitled to under its contract were:

Main line ..... \$2,426,927.61  
Branch lines ..... 2,127,519.29  
Terminals ..... 1,117,117.52

Total ..... \$5,671,564.42

It is noted by the auditors that these over-payments on monthly estimates began very early in the work, that they were objected to by the Chief Engineer of Railways, E. C. Gamble, and with the exception of the first estimates submitted he did not recommend them for payment but commended them to the consideration of the Government. The auditors continue:

#### Not Public Money.

"It is mentioned in the various statutes relating to the Government's guarantees that the proceeds of guaranteed securities credited to the Minister of Finance shall not be construed as being public moneys received by the province. This has the effect, we understand, of placing these funds outside the jurisdiction of the Auditor-General. We are of the opinion that authority should be given by statute or otherwise, to the Auditor-General to audit all payments proposed to be made, from moneys standing to the credit of the Government, in connection with the securities which have been guaranteed by the province."

In the statutes they find no provision for the creation at any time of a sinking fund for the redemption at maturity of guaranteed securities. They also point out that no time is fixed for the completion of the terminals and no securities have been provided for. By orders-in-council the time limit for completion of the Patricia Bay line has been extended to May 1, 1917—now past—and of the 250 miles on Vancouver Island, the Okanagan branches and the Vancouver and Steveston links to July 1, 1917.

There appears to have been an over-payment in respect of 1.4 miles on the main line, \$63,000, and of 2.3 miles on the Patricia Bay line, \$36,000.

The auditors give a brief general history of the Canadian Northern Pacific enterprise, which is well-known, and at the outset give the names of the provisional directors as William Mackenzie, D. D. Mann, Roderick J. Mackenzie, D. B. Hanna and A. D. Davidson.

#### The Main Line.

The total cost of the company's main line, branch lines and terminals up to December 31, 1915, was \$45,794,511.30, towards which the Government had released, out of the proceeds of guaranteed securities, \$30,164,970.31. The auditors say they have been unable to ascertain from what source the company obtained the additional \$15,629,541.39.

The total value of construction work done by contractors to the date named was \$30,306,145.05, and the auditors note that the greater portion of this—some \$25,800,000—was done by the Northern Construction Co., Ltd., either as separate contractors or jointly, with other contractors. They were unable to ascertain whether the contracts and sub-contracts were let by tender or otherwise. In fact, it may be remarked here that there were a number of things the auditors found themselves unable to discover, one being the reason for the issue of debentures costing, for commission and discount, some half million pounds sterling on a total of approximately five million pounds.

#### Very Obscure.

Officials of the company, however, appear to have thought it proper to inform the auditors—and they give the information for what it is worth—that neither Mackenzie, Mann & Company, Limited, nor Sir William Mackenzie nor Sir Donald Mann were connected or interested in any way with the Northern Construction Co., Ltd., or any of the other contractors for the road. Information was furnished to them to the effect that Mackenzie, Mann & Company, Limited, were to receive from the C. N. P. certain commissions as consideration for acting as its fiscal agents and for supervising the construction of the lines and terminals. They were not able to ascertain what amount, if any, was paid in this connection.

The total prospective cost of the main line and branch lines is \$61,728,842.90, or \$6,659,842.90 over the borrowed powers of the company, which is important, as the auditors point out, when it is remembered that the company's capital stock is not to exceed \$25,000,000 and that of this sum \$24,560,000 has been issued for consideration other than cash.

## NO CORPORATION HAS ANY STRINGS ON THE BREWSTER MINISTRY

(Continued from page 1.)

"His Honor has seen fit graciously to accept the resignation, and I have to report to the House that the Hon. M. A. Macdonald, member for the City of Vancouver, has resigned his portfolio as Attorney-General and is now in his seat as a private member.

#### Subject of Attack.

"I want to point out—and I do not intend to go afieid into any debatable issues—that I was made a subject of attack at the time of my choosing of the Hon. the Attorney-General to be one of the advisers to His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor in that some people thought that should not be done at that time owing to certain investigations which had been going and should go on.

"I took the position, and I take it to-day, that to have acted otherwise than as I did would have been a grave injustice, and that in acting otherwise I would practically have said to the people of British Columbia—as I have already stated on the public platform—that I thought him guilty; that to have refused to take into my cabinet the logical man for that position would be equivalent to saying that I thought him guilty of some charges brought against him. (Hear, hear.)

#### No Corporate Interest.

"I did not think then that that would be right nor do I think so now. I believe in the principle of British fair-play. In the main that no man is guilty until he is proven so. I have no apology to make to the people for what I did. (Applause.)

"Since that time other matters came up and directly there was a charge made which could be set down I instructed that a commission should be appointed to investigate it. That commission, as I have said, has made its report and that report I have had an opportunity of seeing.

"I want it understood, Mr. Speaker, and I think the country generally does understand, that when it comes to a place where there is the slightest suggestion that there is any corporate interest, railway or other, controlling this Government I refuse to allow that imputation to exist and I am going to have it thrashed out so that the truth may be made plain. (Cheers.)

#### No Strings on Government.

"The resignation of the Hon. the Attorney-General has been accepted, regardless of the true state of the facts in that connection, because of the one fact money was accepted by him from one who was very closely associated with a great railway corporation, and the general impression must be that it was given with the idea of influencing the action of the Government.

"This Government has proven already that corporate influence is not so great as those behind the corporations—and some of the public—think it is. The investigations that have taken place in this session show the attitude of the Government and the results prove conclusively that in so far as this Government is concerned it has no strings to it and shall have none. (Cheers.)

#### No Suspicion.

"Much as it may distress the Liberal party and unpleasant as it is for myself as head of the Government I insist that the Attorney-General has taken the right course in placing his resignation in my hands without hesitation, realizing that it would be an embarrassing position for myself if he did not. The Lieutenant-Governor has seen fit to accept it. I will not permit any suspensions—I cannot stop at suspicion—I will not permit of any transaction which is going to throw upon the Government the burden of carrying any suspicion. (Hear, hear.)

#### President of Council.

"I have asked His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor to permit me to recommend to him the appointment of a member who has sat on the floor of this House and who has the respect of every member of the Assembly to act as President of the Council. His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor has seen fit to approve of the appointment and J. W. deB. Farris, fourth member for the city of Vancouver, holds the position of President of the Council in the Government of British Columbia at the present moment. (Cheers.)

"I would like, Mr. Speaker, just to reiterate, and make distinct and clear, the statement that I have made this afternoon, that so long as I have the honor to lead the Government I shall not permit, if it is within my power to prevent it, any control of the Government by influences which will have a detrimental effect on the public welfare, and in view of that determination I had to accede to the request of the Attorney-General that I would accept his resignation and request His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor to do the same.

#### Will Not Submit.

"Once and for all, in order that there may be no misunderstanding, I again assert that until such time as I see it impossible to carry on the Government of the province—when it will be time enough to make a further statement; and should that time ever come I will come before the Legislature and state it clearly—so long as I stand in my present position I shall not be influenced by railway corporations or any other corporations against the interest of the people, nor shall I ever permit members of the Government to be placed in that position. (Cheers.)

#### Mr. Macdonald's Statement.

"Following up the statement of the Hon. the Premier," said the retiring minister, "I desire to make a statement, too, in reference to the recent judicial inquiry into charges made by the junior member for Vancouver that \$25,000 had been placed in the safe in the Hotel Vancouver by or on behalf of the Canadian Northern Pacific railway, and was received by me the next day, September 14, the date of the general election.

"I was not in the House at the time but I obtained the purport of it, and that statement itself, coupled with others, and the attempt to reduce the amount to \$15,000 and otherwise amend the first statement, made the charge one to all intents and purposes that I had received this money and did not account for it politically or otherwise.

"It was not true in any particular. That denial still stands and it is vindicated by the recent inquiry. It has also been established that no money from that railway was influencing the late election in the Liberal interest or was contributed to its coffers. Replying to the innuendo that I did not account for the money I received I have but to say that I treat any such suggestion with contempt and disdain, though if any of the muck-raking producers who have been pursuing that practice in the past wish to make any charge in that connection they are at liberty to do so.

#### Not Railway Money.

"The amount was changed, other circumstances remaining the same. I have no objection, as I was sure that that sum was not contributed by the railway company nor any part of it. That charge was not proven. The charge was that the money was paid over to me on behalf of the Canadian Northern Railway. The commissioner chose to go somewhat outside the charge and investigated into a contribution of \$15,000 that R. J. Mackenzie, a Liberal, had made on private means, made on the distinct understanding that it was not made by the Canadian Northern Pacific.

"Some claim is made that I should not have accepted it for the Liberal party nor have had anything to do with it, either receiving it or passing it over to the proper parties for receiving it. The position was not one I sought. The contribution came in the ordinary banking ways. You will understand, Mr. Speaker, that I had an official position in the party, a somewhat intimate connection with it, and therefore, being in touch with the campaign fund side of the work, there was reason to think it should come to me because I understood that side and carried it out to the best of my ability. We had a successful campaign against a party that did not care where the money came from that it fought with, and there were large obligations to be met. It is a perfectly legitimate, necessary and proper side of campaign work.

"I had only one obligation, and that was as to whether it should be accepted or not, and only after I was satisfied it was the personal contribution of R. J. Mackenzie with no strings to it did I accept it. I handed it over to the proper parties and it was legitimately used. The only improper use that was made of any part of it was paying some of the travelling expenses of the junior member for Vancouver.

#### Not Proven.

"In the report of Mr. Justice Gregory it will be found that the charge made was not proven; it was disproven. In view of the persistent and malignant campaign waged against myself I feel that I can best serve the Liberal party, to which my loyalty has been given in the past and will be in the future, by tendering my resignation and taking my seat on the floor as a private member, and at the close of the session I will confer with my constituents, who are the parties concerned, as to my future actions.

"The member who makes the charge against me was chosen at the same convention as I was. The mandate the both of us took comes from the same source. It may be that he can have another mandate from the party. If he desires that, let the junior member for Vancouver resign with me and we will fight out an election in Vancouver. (Applause.)

#### Challenge to Cowper.

"I stand conscious of no wrongdoing. I stand loyal and true to the party to which I owe allegiance, and I am anxious that it should go on unhampered in the great work before it. (Applause.)

Mr. Bowser asked if, failing the challenge being accepted for both to go back, the honorable gentleman proposed himself to resign.

"I made my statement in the House, not particularly to my friend opposite, and my statement stands," replied Mr. Macdonald. "I have just delivered it." Mr. Macdonald occupied his old seat during the afternoon, but in the evening Hon. Mr. Farris took the seat to the right of the Premier and the senior member for Vancouver took the seat which the President of the Council has been occupying since the opening of the session, between John Keen and John Hart.

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## SEVERAL AMENDMENTS TO LAND SETTLEMENT

Cheap Powder for Clearing Off  
Stumps; Park Leases;  
Audit Act

Legislative Press Gallery,

May 14.

The Land Settlement Act was taken up in committee at the evening sitting to-day, George Bell (Victoria) in the chair. Several amendments were made at the instance of the Minister of Agriculture.

The board is to be empowered to loan money on lands against which there is a dyking charge, so long as the maximum charge is not in excess of what the board might lend on the land.

Both sides were in favor of increasing the maximum of loans to 60 per cent. of the appraised value of the land offered as security.

#### Cheap Powder.

Hugh Stewart (Comox) pressed his amendment which is designed to secure cheap powder and got favor for it. The honorable gentleman pointed out that land-clearing is 20 per cent. cheaper with powder than without.

J. W. Jones (Okanagan South) secured the adoption of an amendment extending to the widows of soldiers the provisions of the Act. He also wanted it extended to all soldiers who have fought in the war.

Mr. Bowser recalled Sir Rider Haggard's visit to Victoria and the pledge given him by the then Government along these lines. He asked that the Government consider that matter.

M. B. Jackson (Islands) was in favor of extending to all soldiers of the Empire the preference of an abatement of \$500 on the amount repayable to the Government, but he believed in going further and making the abatement at least \$1,000. He maintained that lands in B. C. ought to be put on a parity with those of the prairies, and given free to those who had the muscle to develop them.

The Minister of Agriculture explained that the charge on the lands would be the cost of improvements.

#### Park Leases.

The bill granting leases for park purposes to Victoria and Vancouver was finally disposed of in committee, W. W. Wilson (Rossland) in the chair.

David Whitehead (New Westminster) had an amendment accepted which will meet the objection that Vancouver might cover the old Court House square with buildings. This makes plain that the area is for park purposes and the erection of such memorials to dead soldiers of B. C. as the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council may sanction.

George Bell moved to make the lease of six acres of the Songhees reserve to Victoria for 99 years instead of 99 years.

The Premier stated that the Council understood fully that it was only to get a lease. The term of 99 years was a long one, gave the city every opportunity to improve the area and was certain of renewal.

The House rejected the amendment.

#### Audit Act.

The Audit Act has been redrawn and revised, and the new Act was introduced this afternoon by the Minister of Finance.

It does away with the Auditor-Gen-

eral and the old system of auditing and makes more stringent the supervision over every phase of the province's accounting. This is in line with the recommendations made by Price, Waterhouse & Co.

There is to be created a controlling and audit branch of the Department of Finance, the chief officers of which will be the Comptroller-General, the Auditor of Disbursements, the Auditor of Receipts and the Purchasing Agent. The first named is to be head of the branch, with a salary not exceeding \$4,200. He shall direct the method by which the accounts in any department shall be kept. He is charged with the preparation of the Public Accounts for the fiscal year closing on March 31 before September 30 following.

## MANY BILLS WERE ADVANCED A STAGE

Vancouver City Given Power  
to Compete With Company;  
Soldiers' Homesteads

Legislative Press Gallery,

May 14.

The Minister of Lands to-day brought down a bill relating to the Soldiers' Homestead Act of last session. As has frequently been explained, this Act was not required for the purpose of securing homesteads for soldiers, as this could have been done under the Land Act, and the only benefit the soldier got was exemption from the payment of the ten-dollar fee for the Crown grant. The whole object of the bill was to cover up the failure of the late Government's land policy and its adoption of the plan outlined by Mr. Brewster a couple of years ago for getting back into the control of the Crown the lands which had got into the hands of the speculator. At the same time lands were tied up for the use only of returned soldiers.

Hon. Mr. Patterson's bill repeals the Act and declares that the lands resumed by the Crown shall come under the provisions of the Land Act. Any rights obtained under the repealed Act for proportionate allotments are protected and the time for obtaining allotments is extended to December 31, 1917. The rights of volunteers and reservists serving during the present war are fully protected.

H. C. Hall introduced a bill raising the maximum age at which girls can be received in the Industrial Home for Girls from sixteen to eighteen.

Mr. Hall also introduced a bill respecting the amount which may be recovered in actions for the recovery of moneys due in respect of the purchase price of lands.

Vancouver City Bill.

The Vancouver city bill was taken up again in committee, J. H. Schofield (Trail) in the chair. The chief fight was over the motion to substitute a new section giving the city full power to enter into competition with the B. C. Electric Railway Company. For the city the fight was led by Hon. J. W. deB. Farris and for the company by W. R. Ross. It ended in a vote in favor of the city of 27 to 11.

#### Tax Sale Validation.

There was considerable argument in committee, J. E. W. Thompson (Grand Forks) in the chair, over the bill val-



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M. A. Macdonald and David White-side argued that where an original owner had let his property go at tax sale and stood aloof for twenty years while some one else improved it, then stepping in with some plea of a technical irregularity, he should have no consideration.

Mr. Bowser insisted that the bill should contain a section excepting pending litigation, and M. B. Jackson took the same ground. An amendment to that effect was voted down.

Other bills considered in committee were: Land Act amendments, H. C. Hall (Victoria) in the chair; Joint Tenancy Bill, Dr. Ross (Nelson) in the chair; Land Registry Act amendments, Dr. K. C. Macdonald (Okanagan North) in the chair; the Sur-tax Bill, John Keen (Kaslo) in the chair; the Vancouver Election Inquiry Bill, E. D. Barrow (Chilliwack) in the chair.

Third readings were given to the bills amending the Succession Duty Act, the Forest Act and the North Vancouver City Incorporation Act. W. R. Ross gives notice of intention to move again, this evening, for the release of R. D. Thomas.

## FLOUR STILL SOARS AT SAN FRANCISCO

San Francisco, May 15.—The soaring price of flour reached \$15 a barrel wholesale and \$4 for an ordinary fifty-pound sack of flour retail here to-day. Other cereals also advanced in price.

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## CLAIM OF SEALERS TO BE CONSIDERED

Question of Award to Be Re-Opened at Ottawa; A. J. Patton Going East

As the result of the continued activities of the Victoria Sealing Company the whole question of compensation covering the claims of the sealers who were deprived of the privilege to hunt in northern waters following the signing of the International treaty prohibiting pelagic sealing, will be reopened at Ottawa in the immediate future. It is understood that the matter of the award made by Mr. Justice Audette, following the conclusion of his sittings at Victoria and Halifax, will be debated on the floor of the Federal House.

After the award was made by Mr. Justice Audette, an effort was made by Sir Charles Tupper, counsel for the Victoria Sealing Company, to appeal against the decision, but all efforts in this direction failed. The matter was taken up further and subsequently the question was placed before a committee of the British House of Parliament. A. J. Patton, barrister, of this city, being most active in getting the question taken up by the Imperial authorities.

Prior to the departure of Sir Robert Borden for England the Victoria Sealing Company was notified that the matter had been placed in the hands of the Hon. Arthur Meighen, regarding the course of procedure with a view to reopening the case. This was significant in view of the action previously taken by the British authorities. The present situation appears to be that should the Canadian Government fail to reopen the case and grant proper compensation, the matter would again be taken up by the authorities in the United Kingdom.

It has been suggested by the Sealing Company that a tribunal of three be appointed, on which England and the east and west of Canada be represented, to fix the amount of compensation to be awarded to the sealers. In connection with the pending reopening of the case, Frank Adams, secretary-treasurer of the Victoria Sealing Company, has arrived at Ottawa. A. J. Patton, representing the sealing interests, is also leaving this week for the Federal capital.

## SHIPPING GUIDE

### COASTWISE SERVICES

**For Vancouver**  
Steamer Princess Adelaide leaves daily at 2 p. m., and steamer Princess Mary or Royal daily at 11.45 p. m.  
Steamer Prince George leaves Mondays, 10 a. m.

**From Vancouver**  
Steamer Princess Alice arrives daily at 2 p. m., and steamer Princess Mary or Royal at 6.30 a. m.

**For San Francisco**  
Steamer Governor, May 11.  
**From San Francisco**  
Steamer President, May 14.

**For Seattle**  
Steamer Princess Alice leaves daily at 4.30 p. m.  
Steamer Prince George leaves Sundays, 10 a. m.

**From Seattle**  
Steamer Princess Adelaide arrives, daily at 1 p. m.

**For Port Angeles**  
Steamer Sol Duc leaves daily except Sunday at 11.30 a. m.

**From Port Angeles**  
Steamer Sol Duc arrives daily except Sunday at 9 a. m.

**For Prince Rupert**  
Steamer Prince George Mondays, 10 a. m.  
**From Prince Rupert**  
Steamer Prince George, Sundays, 7 a. m.

**For Comox**  
Steamer Chatter leaves every Tuesday a. m.

**From Comox**  
Steamer Chatter arrives every Sunday.

**For Skagway**  
Steamer Princess Sophia, May 14.  
**From Skagway**  
Steamer Princess Sophia, May 15.

**For Holberg**  
Steamer Tees leaves on 1st and 15th of each month.

**From Holberg**  
Steamer Tees arrives on 14th and 26th of each month.

**For Clayquot**  
Steamer Tees leaves on 7th and 20th of each month.

**From Clayquot**  
Steamer Tees arrives on 6th and 19th of each month.

## NEW SHIPYARDS WILL BE OPENED HERE

Luney Bros. and Clarence Hoard Figuring on Taking Government Contracts

EXISTING PLANTS TO GET SHARE OF WORK

Vessels Will Be Equipped With Engines Developing Over 1,000 Horsepower

The indications are that at least two new shipyards will be opened in Victoria to handle contracts for the auxiliary type of vessels which will be placed in Canada in the immediate future by the British Government through the medium of the Imperial Munitions Board.

It was learned on good authority today that Messrs. Luney Bros., the well-known contractors of this city, are figuring on embarking in the shipbuilding business, but on being approached this morning W. Luney was unwilling to make any statement regarding any plans he had in view. He did not deny, however, that his firm was considering the proposal. The firm of Luney Bros. have built up a big reputation as contractors; they are practical business men, and if they decide to lay out a shipbuilding plant at this port, there is not the slightest doubt among those who know them and their business capabilities, but that the undertaking will prove a successful one as the various ventures that have been put through by this contracting firm in the past.

There is also every prospect that a shipyard will be started here by Clarence Hoard, of this city, who has recently acquired the lease of a site in the Upper Harbor for the construction of a car-ferry for the C. P. R. When asked this morning as to the possibility of starting a shipyard with a view to constructing vessels for the Government, Mr. Hoard admitted that he was prepared to handle some of the contracts, but was not willing to make any statement on the subject until the matter had been gone into further.

In the event of Mr. Hoard starting a shipbuilding yard here, and there is every prospect of his doing so, a new site would have to be selected, as the site now controlled by him in the Upper Harbor would not be suitable for the building of vessels of the type planned by the Imperial Government. R. P. Butchart, director of wooden shipbuilding for the Pacific Coast, accompanied by Capt. J. W. Troup, manager of the B. C. Coast Service, reached Vancouver today from Ottawa en route to Victoria.

The number of contracts to be let and other details of the scheme, and the number of new shipyards to be opened will be made known upon their arrival. It is understood that the type of vessel favored by the Imperial Munitions Board is an auxiliary vessel similar in design and construction to the schooner Margaret Haney and others built here by the Cameron-Gensia Mills Shipbuilders, Ltd., for the Canada West Coast Navigation Co. They will differ inasmuch that they will be somewhat larger and equipped with engines of much greater horsepower. The dimensions of the vessels will be approximately as follows: Length, 250 feet; beam, 45 feet; molded depth, 25 feet; driven by engines of 900 indicated horsepower and capable of driving the ship at a speed of 19 knots an hour when loaded.

The adoption of engines of the turbine type has also been considered. It is rumored in well informed circles that a special representative of the British authorities is now on his way to Ottawa to consult with the Imperial Munitions Board concerning the type of ship required. This representative has conferred with the board at Ottawa. It is not unlikely that the present plans will be slightly modified.

The Cameron-Gensia Mills Shipbuilders, Ltd., and other existing plants here are contemplating handling a number of the contracts to be awarded by the Imperial Munitions Board.

**NOORDAM BRINGING AMERICANS ACROSS**

Rotterdam, May 15.—The Holland-American Line steamship Noordam is expected to sail for American ports today, giving the first opportunity for the return-home of many Americans who have been stranded in Holland for months. Definite assurances have been obtained regarding the passage of the so-called German safety zone. About 250 Americans are among the passengers.

**PILED UP ON BEACH**

Schooner Primrose Swept Ashore Near San Francisco.

San Francisco, May 15.—The power schooner Primrose, bound from San Pedro to Yaguquina Bay, Ore., was swept ashore on the ocean beach here early today. The crew of three men saved themselves by wading ashore. The vessel suffered slight damage.

**FOOD SHIPMENTS IN UNITED STATES**

Washington, May 15.—Chairman Newlands, of the Senate Interstate Commerce Committee, is working on an administration bill to empower the President to compel railroads to give preference to food shipments.

## SHIP IS ASHORE AT UNIMAK PASS

St. Francis Reported to Be a Total Loss; Steamer Norwood Answered Distress Call

San Francisco, May 15.—The sailing vessel St. Francis, owned by Libby, McNeill & Libby, is ashore at Unimak Pass, Alaska, according to wireless reports received here early today by the naval radio station from Dutch Harbor, Alaska. The crew and cannerymen were rescued by boats which answered the distress calls. The ship and cargo are a total loss, said the message.

The boat went ashore at 2 o'clock yesterday morning. The steamer Norwood was the first to hear the calls and went to the rescue at 9 o'clock. The tug Goliath and coast-guard tug Unalga later came to assist. The crew and cannerymen were taken into Dutch Harbor, 60 miles distant, on the Norwood.

Seattle, May 15.—A radio message to the Pacific-American Fisheries Company, owners of the Norwood, reports that the 250 men on the St. Francis were landed at Dutch Harbor last night. The St. Francis went broadside on the beach, and the crew and cannery workers got ashore in the small boats, being afterward taken off by the Norwood.

The St. Francis was a member of the Seattle cannery fleet, but sailed from San Francisco, April 20, having gone south with a cargo of lumber from Port Blakely. The vessel and cargo were well insured. The St. Francis, a wooden ship of 1,898 tons, was built at Bath, Maine, in 1882.

## ASIA SWARMED WITH RUSSIAN REFUGEES

Cabin Accommodation Crowded With Political Exiles Eager to Reach New Russia

When the Canadian Pacific Ocean Services liner Empress of Asia, Commander W. Davison, R. N. R., got away from port last evening on her fourteenth outward voyage to Yokohama and Hongkong she was to all appearances a Russian passenger carrier. Russian features predominated everywhere. This was particularly noticeable prior to the departure of the liner when the rotunda at the foot of the grand staircase literally swarmed with persons of Russian nationality, mostly political refugees who are hurrying back home as a result of the amnesty granted to all political exiles by the Provisional Government.

Over one hundred Russians were carried in the liner's cabin accommodation. The passenger list teemed with "skys" and "offs", the majority of whom recently hailed from Pittsburgh and New York. Apart from the picturesque aspect of the Russian element of the cabin class there were a large number of saloon passengers bound for the Far East. The Empress took out 154 saloon passengers and 143 in the cabin, in addition to a good list of steerage.

Count Ilya Tolstoy Sails.

Prominent among the saloon travelers was Count Ilya Tolstoy, son of the great Russian writer, Count Leo Tolstoy, who is returning home after conducting a series of lectures throughout the United States in the ideas and ideals of his illustrious father. Since Count Ilya arrived on the coast much has been written on his opinions concerning Russia and the war, and on the eve of his departure he took occasion to again emphasize his oft repeated assertion that Russia would never consider a separate and dishonorable peace. The Count is the bearer of a message from Col. Roosevelt to the Russian radicals advising them against any false step and warning the party in power of the ever present danger of the reactionaries.

American Railroad Commission.

Also sailing by the Empress of Asia was J. E. Stevens and other members of the American railroad commission bound for Russia for the purpose of reorganizing the railway systems of that country. Mr. Stevens was formerly associated with the G. T. P. railway and is well-known throughout Canada. He received a number of friends in his suite during the stay of the liner in port. Mr. Stevens refused to discuss his mission beyond the statement that he was proceeding to Russia on government business.

G. Guggenheim, of New York, of the famous Guggenheim mining interests, left by the Empress of Asia on a short trip to Japan. Mr. Guggenheim intimated that he was proceeding to Japan in connection with shipping business but he was unable to speak of his plans. His trip to the Orient has nothing to do with mining. Mr. Guggenheim expects to return to America within a month or two.

H. E. Burbridge, manager of the Hudson's Bay Stores, accompanied by Mrs. Burbridge and son, is bound for Japan on business in the interests of his company.

**LOST OVERBOARD**

Peter Gannon, of Fishing Steamer Chief Zabassa, Drowned at Rupert.

Prince Rupert, May 15.—Peter Gannon, a cook on the fishing steamer Chief Zabassa, fell overboard while trying to get aboard a small boat from the steamer's side. His body was carried away in the current and was not recovered. He came here from Vancouver.

## THIRD SEA LORD



The advance in the rank of Rear-Admiral Halsey to that of Third Sea Lord, in place of Vice-Admiral F. C. Tudor, going to the China Station, is particularly welcome here. The admiral brought H. M. S. New Zealand, the largest warship yet seen in Esquimaux harbor, to this port on July 25, 1913, and a round of visits followed till August 4.

## GERMANS HAVE VISIONS OF SALVING TONNAGE

Enemy Would Reap Profit From Wholesale Sinking of Ships at Sea

Amsterdam, May 15.—The problem of salvaging ships sunk by submarines is solved, according to the Hamburger Fremdenblatt, which says that German engineers have perfected a process of raising ships from the bottom of the sea. Details are withheld, except that especially equipped salvage vessels will be employed and that they will be able to operate even in stormy weather.

The Fremdenblatt, which as an example put the value of the ships sunk in February alone at what it calls the moderate figure of \$180,000,000, says the number of ships sunk and their valuable position in most cases for raising guarantee for many years after the war plenty of work and a rich profit.

## DOUGLAS ROBERTSON IS NOW LIEUTENANT

Many Victorians will be interested to hear of the fortunes of Captain Douglas Robertson. In a letter written to Henry Moss, of Yates Street by Alan Brown, who was formerly book-keeper for Bell & Company, from Preston, England, he has the following to say: "Captain Douglas Robertson, son of the late Captain George W. Robertson, pilot, turned up at our home early in April and stayed with us for ten days."

"He joined the Royal Engineers as a sergeant and has since been granted a commission as lieutenant in the Infantry Water Transport." He had to report in Glasgow and was then sent direct to London, but expected to go back to Glasgow to complete his training before leaving for Mesopotamia.

"He had already conveyed transports to France on three occasions, so that his experience and excellent seamanship would be extremely valuable." Capt. Douglas Robertson joined the Inland Water Transport here and left with one of the earlier drafts for the United Kingdom. As an officer with the C. P. R. he saw many years of service in the coasting trade out of Victoria.

**SAIGON MARU IN PORT**

The Japanese steamer Saigon Maru, one of the extra vessels operating in the Osaka Shosen Kaisha service, reached port early this afternoon from Japan. She carries 1,800 tons of general cargo for Victoria and Vancouver.

## THE TIME BALL

The time ball on the Belmont Building will be raised half-mast high at 12.45 p. m. to the top at 12.55 p. m., and will be dropped at 1 p. m. daily.

P. NAPIER-DENISON, Superintendent.

## VESSELS WILL BE OF STANDARD TYPE

R. P. Butchart and Capt. J. W. Troup Return From Ottawa With Details of Construction

AUTHORITIES FAVOR STEEL SHIPBUILDING

Director Will Investigate Situation on Coast and Report on Facilities Available

Vancouver, May 15.—R. P. Butchart and Captain J. W. Troup, director and assistant director, respectively, for the Imperial Munitions Board for British Columbia, have returned from Ottawa where they have been consulting with the board in regard to the construction of wooden steamships on the coast. The board has decided upon the building in Canada of a standard type of vessel, 250 feet long, 45 feet 6 inches beam and 25 feet deep with a dead-weight capacity of about 2,500 tons on a draught of 21 feet. The vessels are to be built very strongly with box girder steel keelsons. They are to have a deep tank forward for water ballast. The vessels are to be propelled by steam with triple expansion engines of about 950 indicated horsepower. The matter of geared turbines from England is being considered for some of the ships.

The vessels are to be built of Douglas fir to Lloyd's requirements for 'A1' classification. The authorities are in favor of concentrating on steel shipbuilding in Canada rather than on wooden ships, it being considered preferable to build boats of steel construction.

Mr. Butchart and Captain Troup have, however, placed the facilities of British Columbia before the board and as soon as they have had an opportunity of lining up the situation in British Columbia, they will report to the board as to the building that could be undertaken here. The programme that has so far been outlined is not very extensive. It remains to be seen what facilities and what inducements British Columbia can offer to the authorities.

## FINANCIAL CIRCLES IN ENGLAND INTERESTED IN RAILWAY REPORT

London, May 15.—(By "Windsor.")—The commission's report on the Canadian Northern and Grand Trunk Pacific Railways is much discussed in the highest financial circles. Although full copies of the report have not yet been received, it is understood that while not prepared to commit themselves in any way, the Canadian ministers when here left the confident impression among bankers and financiers that seeing how much Canada had depended in the past and would depend in the future upon British economic support, it was inconceivable that any Canadian ministry would enforce terms of purchase which would be confiscatory of even the junior securities of these projects.

Grand Trunk ordinary and some preference stockholders are not prepared to see the majority report adopted and their capital almost wiped out without the most vigorous public protests which inevitably leave the nationalist anti-Canadian impression with the investing public.

Mr. Kiddy, editor of the Bankers' Magazine and financial editor of the Morning Post, to-day urges that Canada would be most unwise to prejudice the financing of all Means should be found for Leaseholders to retain their stake in the future of roads like the Grand Trunk.

## MEN FROM TORPEDOED SHIPS REACH NEW YORK

New York, May 15.—Twenty men, including three United States naval gunners from the American steamship Vacuum, 84 from the American steamship Rockingham and 24 from the Uruguayan steamship—Gorizia, sunk by German submarines, arrived today from England.

## SUNRISE AND SUNSET.

	Observatory, Victoria, B. C.	Time of sunrise and sunset (Pacific standard) at Victoria, B. C., for the month of May, 1917.	Sunrise	Sunset
			Hour Min.	Hour Min.
May 1	5:52	7:26	5:52	7:26
May 2	5:51	7:25	5:51	7:25
May 3	5:50	7:24	5:50	7:24
May 4	5:49	7:23	5:49	7:23
May 5	5:48	7:22	5:48	7:22
May 6	5:47	7:21	5:47	7:21
May 7	5:46	7:20	5:46	7:20
May 8	5:45	7:19	5:45	7:19
May 9	5:44	7:18	5:44	7:18
May 10	5:43	7:17	5:43	7:17
May 11	5:42	7:16	5:42	7:16
May 12	5:41	7:15	5:41	7:15
May 13	5:40	7:14	5:40	7:14
May 14	5:39	7:13	5:39	7:13
May 15	5:38	7:12	5:38	7:12
May 16	5:37	7:11	5:37	7:11
May 17	5:36	7:10	5:36	7:10
May 18	5:35	7:09	5:35	7:09
May 19	5:34	7:08	5:34	7:08
May 20	5:33	7:07	5:33	7:07
May 21	5:32	7:06	5:32	7:06
May 22	5:31	7:05	5:31	7:05
May 23	5:30	7:04	5:30	7:04
May 24	5:29	7:03	5:29	7:03
May 25	5:28	7:02	5:28	7:02
May 26	5:27	7:01	5:27	7:01
May 27	5:26	7:00	5:26	7:00
May 28	5:25	6:59	5:25	6:59
May 29	5:24	6:58	5:24	6:58
May 30	5:23	6:57	5:23	6:57
May 31	5:22	6:56	5:22	6:56

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**WARMER, SAYS WEATHER BUREAU OF STATES**

Washington, May 15.—The cold spring is over. The weather bureau today announced that the appearance of "The summer type of pressure distribution" indicated warmer weather. There is no probability of a return of unseasonably low temperatures for some time to come, it declares.

## ENGINEERS RESUMING WORK IN ENGLAND

London, May 15.—About 50 per cent. of the engineers on strike in Manchester returned to work this morning and it is expected that others will follow them to-morrow. Many of those who are idling to-day seem to be infected with the holiday spirit. They joined the crowds which welcomed the King and Queen to the city.

Many of the men returned to work in the factories in Surrey, where the feeling against the young strikers is so strong that convalescent soldiers quartered near the factories have been denied permission to enter the affected district.

Striking engineers in Liverpool also returned to work to-day.

## "DRY" LEGISLATION IN UNITED STATES

Washington, May 15.—Undismayed by the Senate's elimination of the Cummins prohibition amendment from the espionage bill, Senators advocating "dry" legislation during the war today renewed their fight.

A group including Cummins and Kenyon, of Iowa, Gore, of Oklahoma, Curtis, of Kansas, Gronna, of North Dakota, and other Senators is working on a carefully worded bill for prohibition either as a separate measure or as an amendment to the first food conservation bill brought up.

Whether the proposed new prohibition measure shall directly prohibit use of foodstuffs in manufacturing liquor or shall merely clothe the President with power to prohibit it is undetermined. Most of the legislators are said to favor the former plan.

## RUSSIAN REPORT.

Petrograd, May 15.—Russian reverses on the Caucasian and Mesopotamian fronts were reported by the War Office last night as follows: "On the Russo-Galician and Roumanian front the usual rifle firing, scouting, reconnaissances and aerial operations occurred."

"On the Caucasian front, south of Erzingjan, near Mount Kelerkani, some of our companies were repulsed by Kurds after stubborn fighting."

"In Mesopotamia our detachments, under the pressure of superior Turkish forces, retired to the left bank of the river Diale."

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## SPORTING NEWS

MAY 24 WILL BE  
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Parade and Many Other  
Features

"A Day devoted entirely to the Red Cross Society" is the motto of the committee which has in charge the Victoria Day sports which will be held at the Royal Athletic Park on the afternoon of May 24. The ladies and gentlemen of the city who are undertaking the arrangements for this field day wish to make it the best event of the kind which has been held in Victoria for many years, and if the results can be forecasted at all accurately by the determined efforts which they are putting forth, the success of the day is already guaranteed.

The event is being widely advertised, a large number of conspicuous posters having been printed, many of which have been distributed in Seattle, Vancouver, New Westminster, Nanaimo and other up-island points. In consideration of the fact that all transportation companies are offering special rates for the day it is expected that there will be a large number of visitors from these various centres in the city.

## Varied Programme.

The programme of sporting events is a varied one and W. H. Davies, who is in charge of this part of the event, has sent letters to all the Naval and Military units, clubs and schools throughout the city and surrounding districts asking for entries for the competitions and races. Among the features will be military displays, tug-of-war competitions, open events for sprinters, cycle races, races for returned soldiers, business men, married ladies, school children, and in reality for everyone. Added to this there will be numerous comic features which should add greatly to the general entertainment of the spectators.

Considerable interest has already been aroused by the announcement of the fact that there will be a baby show during the course of the afternoon. Entries are being solicited in three classes, babies to two years, boys to six years and girls to six years. Three prizes are being offered in each class, and the judging will be done by two local doctors. Entries for both the sports and the baby show should be made at 641 Fort Street.

An additional feature of the day will be the parade which will form in the city and proceed to the field where the sports will be held. It is planned to have a large number of decorated motor cars, floats and other vehicles participate in forming a parade which should attract considerable interest on the part of the public in general. Local branches of the Red Cross Society are co-operating in the part of the programme which will provide a tea booth, and stands where ice cream, candies and soft drinks may be had. A number of side shows will also be staged.

The following is the committee in charge of the celebration, the entire proceeds of which are to be devoted to the work of the Red Cross Society: P. F. Curtis, chairman; W. J. Shortt, honorary secretary; T. H. Slater, honorary treasurer. Advertising committee—Stewart Williams, W. H. Davies. Prizes—Ald. E. B. Andrews, D. J. Angus, W. H. Davies. Motor parade—George McGregor, P. C. Abel. Booths—P. F. Curtis, F. Landsberg. Sports—W. H. Davies. Military parade—W. J. Shortt, D. J. Angus, P. F. Curtis. Refreshments, tickets, etc.—Conveners of the Red Cross branches under chairmanship of Miss Pooley.

## URGED TO CONTINUE.

Chicago, May 15.—Notwithstanding war, Vice-President Marshall hopes the American people will not be deprived of baseball. His views are set forth in a letter to President Johnson, of the American League, in acknowledging receipt of an annual pass.

"Baseball may be utilized for patriotic purposes by the thoughtful citizens at the present time," the vice-president wrote. "And as they see the contending clubs play to the limit of their ability for success, may every man and woman in the grandstand be impressed with the duty of playing the game of patriotism to the end that American arms may triumph."

YESTERDAY'S BASEBALL  
IN THE BIG LEAGUES

## AMERICAN LEAGUE

At Detroit	R.	H.	E.
Washington	2	9	3
Detroit	3	12	2
Batteries—Dumont, Ayres and Henry, Almsmith; Boland and Spencer.			
At St. Louis	R.	H.	E.
New York	6	12	3
St. Louis	2	6	4
Batteries—Fischer, Russell and Nunn; Baker; Davenport, Rogers and Severid.			

## NORTHWESTERN LEAGUE

At Seattle	R.	H.	E.
Seattle	4	10	2
Batteries—Hunt and Kaffor; Blake and Cunningham.			
At Spokane	R.	H.	E.
Tacoma	1	3	2
Spokane	2	6	3
Batteries—Bogner and Stevens; Schor and Marshall.			
At Vancouver—Great Falls—Vancouver	R.	H.	E.
game postponed; wet grounds.			

## BASEBALL RECORDS

## NORTHWESTERN LEAGUE.

Won.	Lost.	Pct.
Tacoma	14	.509
Spokane	10	.526
Seattle	8	.444
Great Falls	7	.438
Vancouver	8	.400
Butte	7	.368

## PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE

Won.	Lost.	Pct.
Salt Lake City	12	.585
San Francisco	12	.583
Oakland	20	.526
Portland	12	.514
Vernon	16	.400
Los Angeles	14	.378

## AMERICAN LEAGUE

Won.	Lost.	Pct.
Boston	15	.682
Chicago	17	.585
New York	13	.591
St. Louis	14	.519
Cleveland	15	.505
Detroit	19	.493
Washington	8	.344
Philadelphia	7	.318

## NATIONAL LEAGUE

Won.	Lost.	Pct.
New York	13	.644
Chicago	19	.679
Philadelphia	12	.630
St. Louis	12	.545
Boston	8	.444
Cincinnati	12	.429
Pittsburgh	8	.320
Brooklyn	5	.263

LARGE PRIZE LIST  
FOR KENNEL SHOW

Vancouver, May 15.—One hundred and fifty special prizes for the annual spring show of the Terminal City Kennel Club, May 24, 25, 26, will be on view this week at O. B. Allan's store on Granville Street. A large entry list has already been secured, but as they are still pouring in, officials of the club anticipate one of the largest entries that the club has yet had for an event of this kind. The list will close May 17 and any who desire to obtain forms or information should apply immediately at the club rooms, 699 Seymour Street.

N. H. A. ISSUES WRIT  
AGAINST BATTALION

According to a Toronto dispatch a writ was issued yesterday at Osgoode Hall by the National Hockey Association of Canada with headquarters at Montreal against the Ocean Accident Corporation of Toronto for \$3,000 on a guarantee bond dated October 1, 1916, given by the 28th Battalion Hockey Club that they would complete their championship schedule. The 28th were ordered overseas in the middle of the season and the N. H. A. decided to collect the \$3,000, despite public opinion to the contrary.

## LEONARD AND WELSH.

New York, May 15.—Benny Leonard, of New York, rated as one of the most promising lightweights in the game to-day, will get his third crack at Freddie Welsh's lightweight championship title here on the night of May 28. They signed articles on Saturday for a ten-round contest, and both men went into training immediately. In their first battle Leonard clearly outpointed Welsh, but in the second contest the Britisher outclassed the New Yorker.

KILBANE IS NOW OUT  
AFTER LIGHTWEIGHTSClever Champion Will Doubt-  
less Cause a Stir in Fistic  
Circles

Now that Johnny Kilbane has demonstrated that he can paddle his own canoe in lightweight company, it is to be expected that he will set sail after all of them who aspire to Welsh's crown.

Kilbane at 130 is a veritable bomb among the lads who tip the beam around 135. As a matter of cold fact there are few of them who can get under that notch. Charley White, always a light boy, may be able to make 133, the recognized weight for the class made famous by Gans, La-Vigne, Nelson and Erne.

Leonard will hardly be able to make it and be strong. He is growing rapidly and it won't be many summers before he will have to admit of welterweight relations. Benny, however, will make a desperate effort to engage Welsh in a distance contest for the title before he makes his little confession about weights. Charley White knocks them out

with a peculiar left hook that is more like an uppercut delivered stiffly from his side. Kilbane, on the other hand, can flatten them with either hand, from any direction and from any distance. He has made a fifteen-year study of punching and he knows the art thoroughly. His style is of the old Jim Corbett kind, straight up standing, and with the head held high and back.

The fight with Welsh has given Kilbane a lot of confidence. The heft of the lightweights has always been a bugaboo to him. He could have been piling up a fortune meeting them all these years, but he elected to stick to his own class. Now he believes that he is better than any of the 135-pounders. He wants to begin work on them from the very top. Benny Leonard is his choice of fistic foe.

NANAIMO CRICKETER  
WOUNDED IN BATTLE

Another well-known Pacific Coast cricketer has been wounded in battle in the person of Lieut. Harry Jepson, of Nanaimo, according to a cable received from the Old Country. Lieut. Jepson was wounded in one of the recent engagements at Vimy Ridge. He is now in a hospital behind the British lines.

Jepson, who has resided in Nanaimo for the past ten years, is well-known to Victoria, Vancouver and Cowichan cricketers, with whom he has played with and against in recent years. He was the best bat in Nanaimo cricket circles and a splendid bowler.

Lieut. Jepson is a veteran of the South African war.

GERMANS LEAVE OFF  
BUILDING ZEPPELINS

Geneva, May 15.—It is reported from Romanelhorn, on Lake Constance, that since the death of Count Zeppelin, who was always supported by Kaiser Wilhelm in his aerial plans, a number of employees in the zeppelin factory at Friedrichshafen have been ordered to join the army. The general opinion at Friedrichshafen is that the German military authorities will construct no more zeppelins.

## RAIN NEEDED FOR FIRES.

Duluth, Minn., May 15.—The sun is hidden here to-day by smoke from many brush and forest fires. One farm near Woodland has been wiped out.

Flying embers from a fire nearly a mile away ignited the roof of the Villa Sancta Scholastica, a Roman Catholic school for girls, near Duluth, last night, but the blaze was extinguished after a slight loss.

A vast stretch of dry country is afire. Only a heavy rain can check the flames.

## FOREST FIRES.

Gilbert, Minn., May 15.—Raging unabated for forty-eight hours, forest fires near here have destroyed two farms and caused much damage. Fires are burning near Eveleth, Virginia, Kinross, Mountain Iron, Cook, Cohasset and Kinney. A heavy wind would work havoc, it is declared.

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### CASUALTIES AMONG CANADIAN SOLDIERS

Ottawa, May 15.—A list of casualties given out at noon to-day bears 139 names.

#### Infantry.

Killed in action—Capt. P. Dumas, Edmonton, N.B.; Pte. A. Blanchard, Rimouski, Quebec; Pte. G. Pelletier, Montreal; Pte. J. Grondin, St. Maurice, Que.; Pte. F. Dunn, Winnipeg; Pte. J. Willerton, Mountain, Man.; Pte. R. A. Tarlton, New Westminster; Pte. McLeannan, Scotland; Pte. H. Burton, England; Pte. A. Brownlee, Kingston; Pte. S. L. Pollock, address not stated; Pte. E. B. Harpell, St. Thomas, Ont.; Pte. C. T. Cornack, Montreal; Pte. J. J. Jones, Wood Bay, Man.

erich, Ont.; Spr. G. S. Baillister, Toronto.

#### Mounted Rifles.

Killed in action—Pte. F. Wallace, Miami, Man.; Pte. A. Bolvin, Ottawa, Medical Services.

#### Ill—Sgt. A. Lalonde, Montreal.

Wounded—Pte. G. Appelton, Montreal.

#### Mounted Services.

Wounded—Trpr. C. Bowman, Perth, N. B.

#### Infantry.

Died of wounds—Pte. W. E. H. Carmichael, Edmonton; Pte. A. Inglis, England; Pte. T. R. Pearson, Winnipeg; Pte. J. D. Hutchison, Olds, Alta.

### BORDEN BACK IN

#### OPTIMISTIC MOOD

Meetings in London a Success; Warm Praise for Canadian Troops

Ottawa, May 15.—Sir Robert Borden and his two colleagues, Hon. Robert Rogers and Hon. J. D. Hazen, who acted as Canada's representatives at the meeting of the Imperial War Cabinet and the Imperial War Conference in London, returned to Ottawa early this morning. A special train brought the Ministers from Quebec, where they landed yesterday afternoon.

Sir Robert and his colleagues returned whole and hearty despite their trying three months in Great Britain. They are full of hope that the Imperial War Cabinet idea will produce satisfactory results, enthusiastic over the success of the Canadian army in France and confident that the war problems of this country can be surmounted without undue difficulty. The voyage home, which occupied nine days, was uneventful and served as an opportunity for needed rest.

Reservists for Parliament a full announcement of what may be given out of the conclusions of the Imperial War Cabinet, Sir Robert contented himself with declaring that the scheme had proved a success and forecasting that it would become an institution of the Empire. As for the work of the Canadian soldiers, he had nothing but the most unreserved praise. Vimy Ridge, he declared, was regarded as one of the greatest victories of the war.

Sir Robert also paid high tribute to the work of the railway construction and forestry corps.

#### Growth of Aid.

"When I visited France in July, 1915," said the Prime Minister, "we had one division there. Now we have four, and a fifth has just been dispatched across the Channel. This gives an idea of the progressive part Canada is playing in the war."

With regard to the appointment of a High Commissioner in London, Sir Robert had no announcement to make. On the question of conscription he was equally reticent, although evidently eager to hear the latest news on the subject.

Hon. Robert Rogers, however, was more communicative, expressing the hope that Canada could release her promised quota of troops without the necessity of following the example of Great Britain and the United States in respect to compulsory military service.

The Prime Minister made his first appearance in the House this afternoon, but will not make his expected address until later in the week, probably Thursday.

#### Smithers Came.

A passenger on the same vessel as the Prime Minister and his party was A. W. Smithers, of London, chairman of the board of the Grand Trunk Railway, who was accompanied by H. Deer, assistant secretary of the London board. Mr. Smithers has come to Canada as a result of the recent Drayton-Ashworth report on the nationalization of the Canadian railways.

The Grand Trunk, it is stated, will be Government-owned, its system from the nationalization scheme, with the exception of the Grand Trunk Pacific.

Other passengers were Lieut.-Col. H. B. Tremain, Conservative M.P. for Hants, N.S., who has been on Sir George Perley's staff and assisted Sir Robert Borden in connection with his work with the Imperial War Cabinet; Lieut.-Col. James Arthur, Conservative M.P. for Parry Sound, Ont., who went "over the top" at Vimy Ridge with an Ontario battalion and is now home on furlough; Sir Edward Morris, Prime Minister of Newfoundland, who was a delegate to the Imperial sessions in London; Dr. George Parkin, of Rhodes Scholarship fame, and Mrs. Parkin, and Lady Mary Hamilton, daughter of the Duke of Abercorn, who is to be married to Capt. Kenyon Stanley, A.D.C. to the Duke of Devonshire.

Killed in action—Pte. A. W. Miller, England.

Died of wounds—Lieut. Sommerville, Wounded—Pte. A. McDonald, Scotland; Pte. W. Woolridge, England; Engineers.

Died of wounds—Sgt. F. H. Brown, England.

Killed in action—2nd Cpl. N. Downes, Regina.

Killed accidentally—Sapper W. C. Harper, Amherst, N. S. Wounded—Sapper D. E. Bell, God.

### EVERY ABLE MAN IN SWITZERLAND CALLED ON TO BE PREPARED

Geneva, May 15.—The Swiss federal authorities have issued an order for all male citizens of Switzerland between the ages of 16 and 40 to be ready to handle arms and to be ready to be incorporated in the army, to hold themselves in readiness for military service in case of emergency. The authorities have secured 150,000 gas masks and served them out to the army.

### CALLS ON RUSSIAN ARMY TO FIGHT ON

#### Council in Russia Declares Against Separate Peace and Fraternizing

Petrograd, May 15.—The following is the text of the manifesto to the Russian army issued by the Council of Soldiers' and Workmen's Delegates, urging the continuance of the war and declaring that a separate peace is impossible.

"Soldiers and comrades at the front! We speak to you in the name of the Russian revolutionary democracy. The people did not wish the war which was started by the Emperors and capitalists of all the countries, and therefore after the abdication of the Czar the people considered it urgent to end the war as rapidly as possible. Do not forget, soldiers and comrades, that the revolutionaries are destroying revolutionary Russia. Do not forget that the loss of free Russia would be a catastrophe, not only to us, but to the working classes of the entire world. Defend therefore revolutionary Russia with all your power."

"The workers and peasants of Russia long for peace, but it must be a general peace of all nations, the result of their common agreement. A separate peace is an impossible thing which must not be allowed to interfere with or embarrass the course of events in the world. It is evident that German imperialism, after having defeated our Western Allies, would turn against us the whole power of its arms, seize our country and enslave the Russian people."

"The Council of Soldiers' and Workmen's Delegates leads you toward peace in another way. By calling for a revolution by the workers and peasants of Germany and Austria-Hungary we will lead you to peace after having obtained from our Government a renunciation of the policy of conquest and after demanding a similar renunciation from the other allied powers. But do not forget, soldiers and comrades, that peace cannot be achieved if you do not check the enemy's pressure at the front, if your ranks are pierced and the Russian revolution lies like an inanimate body at William's feet. Do not forget, you in the trenches, that you are defending the liberty of the Russian revolution and your brother workers and peasants."

"Now how are you to accomplish this defense if you remain inactive in your trenches? Frequently only an offensive can repel or check a hostile offensive. Frequently those who await an attack only perish. Soldiers and comrades, having sworn to defend Russian liberty, do not renounce the offensive. Fight and struggle for this liberty, and while fighting and struggling fear the enemy's traps. The fraternizing which is taking place at present at the front can easily become a trap. Do not forget that revolutionary troops have only the right to fraternize with troops who also are revolutionary and who also are ready to die for peace and liberty."

"The German army is not a revolutionary army if it still blindly follows William and Charles, Emperors and capitalists. You are fraternizing with the enemy's soldiers, but with officers of the enemy's General Staff disguised as common soldiers."

"Peace will not be obtained by separate treaties or by the fraternizing of isolated regiments and battalions. This will only lead to the loss of the Russian revolution, the safety of which does not lie in a separate peace or armistice."

"Therefore, everything which weakens your military power, which distracts the army and lowers its morale, soldiers, be worthy of the trust that revolutionary Russia has in you."

### PLAN FOR IRELAND TO BE KNOWN MONDAY

London, May 15.—Mr. Lloyd George will transmit the terms of a settlement of the Irish question devised by the Government to the Irish leaders tomorrow, Chancellor Bonar Law announced in the House of Commons to-day. What the Government's proposals for a settlement are were not disclosed by Mr. Bonar Law. He said the Prime Minister would outline them in detail in a speech to the House of Commons on Monday.

Irish members of the House protested against this delay in making public the exact concessions which had been determined upon by the Government.

Although the Government has devised proposals which it thinks will effect a settlement of the Home Rule controversy, those in touch with the situation to-day said it was by no means certain that the proposal would be acceptable to the Irish Nationalists. But they looked to an ironing out of the difficulties by further concessions on both sides, when the Government's plans have been made public.

### Bethmann-Hollweg Makes Advance for Peace With Russia

Amsterdam, May 15.—The German Chancellor declared in the Reichstag to-day that he would not nail down the German Empire in all directions by a one-sided formula which would renounce the successes won by the German troops and leave all other matters in suspense.

He virtually made a peace offer to Russia, saying that if Russia would renounce her aims of conquest Germany would not prevent a permanent friendship by making impossible demands.

He declined to set forth any programme of conquest. "I thoroughly and fully understand the passionate interest of the people in our war aims and peace conditions," said the Chancellor. "I understand the call for clearness which to-day is addressed to me from right and left. But in discussion of war aims the only guiding line for me is an early and satisfactory conclusion of the war. Beyond that I can not do or say anything."

### COUNCIL IN RUSSIA DECIDES TO ASSIST COALITION CABINET

Petrograd, May 15.—The executive committee of the Council of Workmen's and Soldiers' Delegates, after discussing yesterday the internal situation in Russia, decided by a vote of 41 against 19 to favor the participation of representatives of the Socialist parties in the Provisional Government.

### KEEPING CANADIAN PLANTS AS RESERVE

#### Britain Needs No More Heavy Shells From States, Says Paper

Winnipeg, May 15.—A special dispatch to the Winnipeg Telegram from Ottawa to-day says: "The production of big shells on this continent is to cease. Production by the national factories in Great Britain has become so great that the importation of heavy shells, 8-inch and 9.2-inch, from the United States has ceased altogether. No further quantity is actually required from Canada. This information is authentic."

"In order to keep the Canadian factories going as a reserve, however, arrangements have been made with many of them to spread out the balance of their contracts over a longer period. This will decrease the weekly production but will keep the factories going longer so that they will be available if there should be a demand again for increased production, which is unlikely."

"As for the smaller sizes of shells, there is no change in the situation and production of these will continue as heretofore apparently until the end of the war."

### BORDEN RETURNS TO HOUSE OF COMMONS

Ottawa, May 15.—When the Commons met this afternoon the new member presented to the House by the Lord Mayor and Corporation of the City of London adorned the table. It was brought to Canada by Sir Robert Borden.

The Prime Minister entered the chamber immediately after prayers and was greeted with general hand clapping and cheers. The members on both sides of the House as a mark of respect rose to their feet until Sir Robert had taken his seat.

Lieut.-Col. James Arthur, Conservative, Parry Sound, Ont., who has just returned from the front, gave a warm reception when he entered the chamber. He immediately engaged in close conversation with Sir Sam Hughes.

When the routine proceedings had been concluded, Sir Robert Borden crossed the floor and engaged Sir Wilfrid Laurier in conversation.

W. A. Buchanan, Liberal, Medicine Hat, asked for a statement from the Minister of Labor in regard to the coal strike situation in District 18.

Hon. T. W. Crothers replied that since Mr. Buchanan had brought the matter up in the House he had received a telegram confirming the report of a general strike.

Sir Thomas White announced that a suggestion made yesterday by Hon. George P. Graham that Mr. Vian's speech to the House on Saturday last should be printed for general circulation would be adopted. Orders had been given to have 25,000 copies of the address printed.

Hon. Frank Oliver gave notice that on the second reading of the budget resolutions he would move an amendment expressing the desirability of steps being taken to bring about a downward revision of the tariff.

W. S. Loggie, Liberal, Northumberland, N.B., gave notice that he would move for free potatoes, and J. A. Robb, Liberal, Huntingdon, Que., gave notice that he would move for free bran and shorts.

The budget debate was resumed by W. F. Carroll, Liberal, South Cape Breton.

Haynes Repairs Jewelry satisfactorily and reasonably.

### DEADLOCK NOW IN COAL MINE DISPUTE

#### Miners of District 18 State Conditions for Further Negotiations

Ottawa, May 15.—An absolute deadlock in the coal dispute in District No. 18, Southeastern British Columbia and Alberta, has been arrived at. Mr. T. W. Crothers suggested the appointment of a Royal Commission to make a final settlement, but Mr. Graham, president of the miners, has replied that this will be unsatisfactory owing to the time required to get results.

The miners, through their secretary, have laid down the conditions which they demand as a basis for any further negotiations. These were contained in a wire received to-day by Mr. Crothers. The demands include an increase of thirty per cent. on all rates, together with an adjustment of inequalities, an eight-hour day for all classes of labor, extra for double and treble shifts and Sunday overtime and holidays. They propose that the agreement expire August 31, 1918, but with a clause to be inserted that will enable the miners to re-open the negotiations if abnormal conditions should arise as to the cost of living.

From the wires he has received from the operators, Mr. Crothers has no hope they will be willing to agree to such concessions and he so wired the men to-day.

President Graham, in declining the suggestion of a Royal Commission, said that the men would not return to work on conditions obtaining prior to the shut-down, but if satisfactory arrangements could be made would do so.

Denial by Hall. Calgary, May 15.—Grant Hall, vice-president of the C. P. R., denied this morning a published statement to the effect that he had suggested that the coal miners of District 18 return to work and had virtually promised them that in the meantime they would obtain the 30 per cent. increase they are asking for.

"I am here attending a meeting of the National Resources Department Committee," said Mr. Hall, "when I was requested to meet the miners' committee and talk matters over with them. This I did. I made no such suggestion as has been attributed to me, as I had no authority to do so."

"Naturally I am quite aware of the seriousness of the situation, and if I could do anything to bring the parties together I would be glad to help."

### OCTOBER WHEAT FELL AT WINNIPEG TO-DAY

Winnipeg, May 15.—At 12:30 p. m. to-day the word passed quietly around the exchange that the entire May contract outstanding when May was suspended from active trading had been cleaned up. This applied not only to the big longs and shorts, but included in the specific agreement the smaller men also. It will be no more to-morrow since the new arrangement took effect. Just what was the total amount of those contracts only the clearing house knows, but somewhere between 20,000 and 30,000 bushels probably is not a bad guess. Under the new restrictions as to October the trade was limited. There was some mistake at first and a little trouble arose over some one buying who had not a previous contract to fill, but this was speedily adjusted. October wheat closed 25 cents lower on a fluctuation of 14 cents. October closed 12 lower for May 15, 1917, and 24 lower for October. May barley closed unchanged. Flax closed with May 54 and July 6 lower. The cash situation was without new features. Offerings of all grades were surprisingly liberal. The agent of the Entente Government took all offerings within the grades of the prescribed agreement, releasing May or July, principally May.

Wheat—Open. Close. Oct. 25 25 1/2. May 25 25 1/2.

Oats—Open. Close. July 25 25 1/2. Oct. 25 25 1/2.

Barley—Open. Close. July 25 25 1/2. Oct. 25 25 1/2.

Flax—Open. Close. July 25 25 1/2. Oct. 25 25 1/2.

May 25 25 1/2. Oct. 25 25 1/2.

Cash prices: Wheat—1 Nor., 25 1/2; 2 Nor., 25 1/2; 3 Nor., 25 1/2; 4 Nor., 25 1/2; 5 Nor., 25 1/2; 6 Nor., 25 1/2; 7 Nor., 25 1/2; 8 Nor., 25 1/2; 9 Nor., 25 1/2; 10 Nor., 25 1/2; 11 Nor., 25 1/2; 12 Nor., 25 1/2; 13 Nor., 25 1/2; 14 Nor., 25 1/2; 15 Nor., 25 1/2; 16 Nor., 25 1/2; 17 Nor., 25 1/2; 18 Nor., 25 1/2; 19 Nor., 25 1/2; 20 Nor., 25 1/2; 21 Nor., 25 1/2; 22 Nor., 25 1/2; 23 Nor., 25 1/2; 24 Nor., 25 1/2; 25 Nor., 25 1/2; 26 Nor., 25 1/2; 27 Nor., 25 1/2; 28 Nor., 25 1/2; 29 Nor., 25 1/2; 30 Nor., 25 1/2; 31 Nor., 25 1/2; 32 Nor., 25 1/2; 33 Nor., 25 1/2; 34 Nor., 25 1/2; 35 Nor., 25 1/2; 36 Nor., 25 1/2; 37 Nor., 25 1/2; 38 Nor., 25 1/2; 39 Nor., 25 1/2; 40 Nor., 25 1/2; 41 Nor., 25 1/2; 42 Nor., 25 1/2; 43 Nor., 25 1/2; 44 Nor., 25 1/2; 45 Nor., 25 1/2; 46 Nor., 25 1/2; 47 Nor., 25 1/2; 48 Nor., 25 1/2; 49 Nor., 25 1/2; 50 Nor., 25 1/2; 51 Nor., 25 1/2; 52 Nor., 25 1/2; 53 Nor., 25 1/2; 54 Nor., 25 1/2; 55 Nor., 25 1/2; 56 Nor., 25 1/2; 57 Nor., 25 1/2; 58 Nor., 25 1/2; 59 Nor., 25 1/2; 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## FOOD PRODUCTION TO BE PROMOTED

### Local Council of Women Hears Report of Special Committee

The question of extending and increasing food production was the special subject under debate at the Local Council of Women meeting yesterday afternoon. Mrs. G. L. Foulkes, convener of a special committee drawn up at one of the Council meetings some weeks ago, reported on the progress that had been made in the proposed campaign, and offered several recommendations which, if practised, would lead to many additional lines of production even in the kitchen gardens of the city residences.

The cultivation of beans, well recognized as having a high food value, was recommended. They could be cultivated in nearly any garden, and besides adding to the household food supplies would be decorative when growing. Government control of food prices was urged and the speaker requested that the delegates from the Victoria Local Council to the annual meeting of the National Council which is meeting next month in Winnipeg, make a strong recommendation along these lines. The potato cultivation movement was referred to as an example of what the householder could be induced to do.

Mrs. Foulkes has working with her the following committee: Mesdames Schofield, Story, Sampson, Neame, Thompson, Arington, J. D. Gordon and the Mesdames Maratt, Pooley and Juniper.

#### Bureau Busy

The bureau for the registration of women fruit pickers was opened yesterday at the Y. W. C. A., Miss Marshall, the general secretary of the association, being convener of the committee on registration. At the meeting yesterday afternoon she reported that in the single day the bureau had been open nearly one hundred women had applied. This, it was hoped, represented only a portion of the number that would be registered within the next few days, as in the Gordon Head district alone it was estimated that about 300 adult pickers would be needed. The Fruit Growers' Association in that district had at a recent meeting drawn up the following scale of wages: 15 cents per crate to each picker, with a bonus of 1 cent per crate at the end of the picking season to those who had worked steadily and industriously.

The question of berry prices was discussed. Mrs. Stewart, of Keatings, pointed out how the housekeepers of Victoria could secure fresh berries daily from the local merchants, as the fruit-growers of her district shipped their fruit to the city daily, while it was quite fresh. Some of the weather setbacks with which the fruit-grower had to contend were mentioned. Mrs. F. McNaughton, of Gordon Head, recommended housekeepers to buy their berries for jam by the pail as being cheaper than the boxes. Miss Hadland, of Cowichan, spoke about the agricultural conditions in that district.

#### Resolutions

Some of the resolutions to be considered at the annual meeting of the National Council were discussed. Ottawa Council favored a daylight saving scheme. This was approved and adopted, as was one calling for the prohibition of printed matter into Canada. Another of the Eastern Councils requested that a standardized scale should be adopted for labels on bottles and cans of fruit. This would simplify packing. Delegates to the annual meeting of the National Council were requested to demand strict censorship of moving pictures or a woman censor, the subject coming up in connection with a resolution expressing disapproval of some of the picture films offered for the entertainment of the public, particularly those shown on Saturdays when parents took their children.

One of the resolutions called for an additional single tax of one per cent on land values in Canada. This was disapproved of on the basis that it would treble the liabilities of the land owners even though adding to the revenue of the country.

#### School Clinics

Mrs. MacLachlan, Garden City Women's Institute, reminded the meeting of the resolution calling for the support of the idea of medical clinics in the public schools throughout the province. Such a movement would mean the eradication at an important period of the child's life of many of the slight defects which so greatly hampered them in their later years.

## OBITUARY RECORD

The funeral of the late Miss Alice Silversides took place this morning at 8.45 from the Sands Funeral Chapel. Numerous friends were in attendance and the casket was covered with many beautiful flowers. A 15-minute Mass was celebrated at St. Andrew's Cathedral. The pallbearers were Messrs. H. S. Moss, C. J. Walsh, M. C. Swane and T. Massop. Interment took place at Ross Bay Cemetery.

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Several matters of departmental routine were disposed of this morning, some legislation yet to be presented was discussed and the work of the closing days of the session arranged.

Have You Seen the seven-jeweled wrist-watches, with unbreakable fronts, sold for \$5.00 each, by F. L. Haynes, 1124 Government Street? They're unequalled.

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So the Public Accounts committee was told this morning by A. M. Johnson, Deputy Attorney-General, and pending the outcome of these negotiations the committee adjourned further inquiry into the defalcations of Carney, the known amount of which is \$20,973.

W. R. Ross, member for Fort George, who was Minister of Lands in the late administration, was a witness this morning, and he informed the committee that when the forest branch was reorganized in 1912 Carney was in charge of one of the largest collection districts in the province. Owing to his age, at that time seventy-nine, and the fact that his district was not amenable to the new system which was being put into force it was decided to superannuate him, and this was done on an allowance of \$62.50 a month.

It was not until S. W. Barclay, accountant of the branch, went into the accounts that Carney's defalcations were discovered. Mr. Ross said, the final report of the auditor being made in September, 1914. In a subsequent interview which Carney had with Sir Richard McBride and himself in Victoria the former inspector admitted that he was short the amount stated by Barclay.

Owing to Carney's age Sir Richard did not desire to prosecute him, and thought that some arrangement might be made with him. At that time Carney had an interest in a sawmill at Salm and in limits on Goat River and Willow Rivers. No attempt had been made to secure any undertaking from Carney or his sons, although the latter had informed the Government that they were ready to do their best to make good their father's shortage. With the coming of hard times, however, the Government had found itself unable to secure any undertaking and the case had stood in that position ever since.

## SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Mrs. Andrew Wright, who has been on a trip to Minnesota, returned home last Saturday.

A farewell reception is being held for Rev. Walter Letham, pastor of the First Unitarian Church, who has resigned his charge and expects to leave the city in the near future. The reception will be at the residence of W. L. Llewellyn, 461 Quebec Street, commencing at 8 o'clock.

Mrs. and Mr. H. B. Jackson arrived from California last evening on the S. S. President, and will spend some days in Victoria before leaving for Winnipeg. Mr. Jackson was for several years manager of the Empress Hotel, being transferred about a year ago to the Royal Alexandra Hotel at Winnipeg.

Mme. E. Bennett-Brock, who has recently taken up her residence in Victoria and opened a vocal studio in the Stobart-Pease Building, is an accomplished musician and an acquisition to the city's musical circles. She has had very cosmopolitan training, having studied in Italy, Spain, France and the United States. She is herself a New Yorker by birth, but went to Italy soon after she reached her twenties, and at Milan and Barcelona prepared for the operatic stage, subsequently singing in some of the leading operatic centres of Europe.

Haydn's oratorio, "The Creation," which was so beautifully rendered by the choir of the First Presbyterian Church and assisting soloists last week, is to be repeated to-morrow night at 8.15 in aid of the Canadian Red Cross. The work was so well performed on the occasion of its first rendering that it seemed a pity to let the opportunity pass of giving it in aid of the splendid patriotic work which is commanding such world-wide interest at the present time, and the announcement that Jackson Hanby and his choir, the soloists, Miss Eva Hart, Gideon Hicks and R. J. MacKenzie, and the organist and pianist, Edward Parsons and Harry Charlesworth, would give their services absolutely free in order that the Red Cross might benefit was very much appreciated. The First Presbyterian Church, which has magnificent acoustics, is also being given without charge, for the occasion, and the heavy sale of tickets to date augurs well for the size of the audience to be present.

The Queen City Service Club, Order of the Eastern Star, Saturday afternoon gave a very pleasant and very successful tea at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Elliott, 1255 Victoria Avenue, Oak Bay. The decorations were beautiful, and Mrs. Elliott, with Mrs. F. Campbell, received the visitors and helped to entertain everyone. Mrs. E. Harris, matron of the Eastern Star Order in Victoria, and Mrs. E. Jackson, associated matron, poured tea, and Mesdames McIntosh, Dundale, Nickerson, Boulton and Campbell assisted. Mrs. L. Hall had charge of the musical

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purpose of Golf Links at Colwood for \$47,000. The proceeds of the sale were afterwards invested in purchasing contracts for the sale of other lands.

After some two hours' discussion the solicitors of both parties settled the action by agreement. Mr. Clough dropped his claim to one of the pieces of land and on their part the defendants agreed—maintaining they had always been so disposed to give him the account of the proceeds of the sale of the other piece, in which they claimed plaintiff had an interest. H. B. Robertson represented Mr. Clough and E. C. Mayers conducted the matter for the defendants.

## SPLENDID RESPONSE OF THE WOMAN VOTER

Sustained Interest on All  
Hands; Victoria and Esquimalt Register About 9,000

Although still busy marking, sorting and assembling the piles of registration forms into their proper order this morning, Acting-Registrar Mabon considers that the grand total of applications for the city proper will closely approximate eight thousand, while Esquimalt will nearly reach the thousand mark.

Keen Interest.  
Speaking generally on the interesting duties of a registrar in an original role as far as the fair sex is concerned, Mr. Mabon states that the keenest possible interest has been manifested on all hands. Applicants of a very serious demeanor have been sometimes accompanied and followed by those who have infused a little humor into the "novelty" of the vote. At the same time indifference has been non-existent and the real power behind the extension of the franchise thoroughly understood. One lady in fact asked with all solemnity when the election would take place and if she would be notified about the voting.

Give Reasons.  
Instances were very frequent of expressions as to why individual women were pleased to have voting power. Not a few were fully intent on placing a cross in favor of prohibition at the first opportunity. Hundreds of fair voters had in their minds the splendid opportunity to interest themselves to some purpose on behalf of the returning soldiers.

Legislation of the future that will help him will be the sole object and value to them of their votes. There was also an element prizing the vote inasmuch as they would be able to go to the polling booth instead of the husband, who is away fighting, considering also that on his return that it will again be his duty to represent the household as heretofore.

Oriental Registers.  
The only Oriental lady to fill up her form at the old Quebec Bank Building did so yesterday. She displayed a particularly keen interest and understood the provisions of the measure fully. Her English was good and British Columbia political life was by no means strange to her. There was also a new-marrried voter, yesterday, who by force of habit, could not refrain from the final signature of her maiden name—a defect, however, quickly rectified.

## OVER TWO THOUSAND WOMEN REGISTER

### Saanich Riding Makes Good Showing in Extension of Franchise

The women of the Saanich electoral riding, which includes the municipalities of Saanich and Oak Bay, have responded well to the invitation to take advantage of the parliamentary franchise, and the total number registered is 2045. Registrar William Graham kept the list open until the mail returns from the commissioners had been received to-day, and the tally of the claims lodged as counted give the above figure.

Fifty-six new names were added on the men's list, making in all a total electoral roll for the riding of 5,331, after striking off transfers to other ridings.

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## FOOD PRODUCTION TO BE PROMOTED

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The cultivation of beans, well recognized as having a high food value, was recommended. They could be cultivated in nearly any garden, and besides adding to the household food supplies would be decorative when growing. Government control of food prices was urged and the speaker requested that the delegates from the Victoria Local Council to the annual meeting of the National Council which is meeting next month in Winnipeg, make a strong recommendation along these lines. The potato cultivation movement was referred to as an example of what the householder could be induced to do.

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#### Bureau Busy

The bureau for the registration of women fruit pickers was opened yesterday at the Y. W. C. A. Miss Marshall, the general secretary of the association, being convenor of the committee on registration. At the meeting yesterday afternoon she reported that in the single day the bureau had been open nearly one hundred women had applied. This, it was hoped, represented only a portion of the number that would be registered within the next few days, as in the Gordon Head district alone it was estimated that about 300 adult pickers would be needed. The Fruit Growers' Association in that district had at a recent meeting drawn up the following scale of wages: 35 cents per crate for each picker, with a bonus of 4 cents per crate at the end of the picking season to those who had worked steadily and industriously.

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#### Resolutions

Some of the resolutions to be considered at the annual meeting of the National Council were discussed. Ottawa Council favored a daylight saving scheme. This was approved and adopted, as was one calling for the prohibition of printed matter into Canada. Another of the Eastern councils requested that a standardized scale should be adopted for labels on bottles and cans of fruit. This would simplify packing. Delegates to the annual meeting of the National Council were requested to demand stricter censorship of moving pictures or a woman censor, the subject coming up in connection with a resolution expressing disapproval of some of the picture films offered for the entertainment of the public, particularly those shown on Saturdays when parents took their children.

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Beautiful flowers were sent, among the wreaths and floral tributes being emblems representing the esteem of many local organizations with which the late Mr. Leiser was honorably associated through many years devoted to the advancement of every worthy public movement.

There were twelve pallbearers, six honorary and six active, the latter all Masons. The honorary were Messrs. H. MacKinnon, C. F. Gardiner, A. Lineham, Luke Pither, Andrew Wright and Fred Landsberg. The active bearers were the Hon. H. C. Brewster, Messrs. James Forman, William Henderson, Stephen Jones, Angus McKeown and George Perdue.

## SITS AS PRESIDENT

Hon. J. W. deB. Ferris Takes His Seat in Executive Council for First Time.

Legislative Press Gallery, May 15.

Hon. J. W. deB. Ferris sat with the cabinet for the first time this forenoon, when he presided over the session of the Executive Council as President of the Council.

On account of the value of Mr. Ferris' services in the House, the necessity to have a lawyer acting in the capacity of legal adviser in regard to legislation yet to be passed, and the fact that as chairman of the P. G. E. Committee his presence is required during the debate on the committee's report and in case of any further sittings of the committee, it was not expedient to appoint him as Attorney-General while the House is sitting, as that would have vacated his seat. He receives no salary as President of the Council, so that he has not to seek re-election yet.

Several matters of departmental routine were disposed of this morning, some legislation yet to be presented was discussed and the work of the closing days of the session arranged.

Have You Seen the seven-jeweled wrist-watches, with unbreakable fronts, sold for \$5.00 each, by F. L. Haynes, 1124 Government Street? They're unequalled.

## SEEKING TO RECOVER CARNEY DEFALCATIONS

### Attorney-General's Dept. Negotiating for Security for Province

Legislative Press Gallery, May 15.

The Attorney-General's Department is conducting some negotiations to the end of obtaining some security for a return of the moneys which were appropriated to his own use by Augustus Carney, who was timber agent for the East and West Kootenays from 1904 to 1912, when he was superannuated.

So the Public Accounts committee was told this morning by A. M. Johnson, Deputy Attorney-General, and pending the outcome of these negotiations the committee adjourned further inquiry into the defalcations of Carney, the known amount of which is \$20,973.

W. R. Ross, member for Port George, who was Minister of Lands in the last administration, was a witness this morning, and he informed the committee that when the forest branch was reorganized in 1912 Carney was in charge of one of the largest collection districts in the province. Owing to his age, at that time seventy-nine, and the fact that his district was not amenable to the new system which was being put into force it was decided to superannuate him, and this was done on an allowance of \$21.69 a month.

It was not until S. W. Barclay, accountant of the branch, went into the accounts that Carney's defalcations were discovered. Mr. Ross said, the final report of the auditor being made in September, 1914. In a subsequent interview which Carney had with Sir Richard McBride and himself in Victoria he had informed the Government that he was short the amount stated by Barclay.

Owing to Carney's age Sir Richard did not desire to prosecute him, and thought that some arrangement might be made with him. At that time Carney had an interest in a sawmill at Salmo and in limits on Goat River and Willow Rivers. No attempt had been made to secure any undertaking from Carney or his sons, although the latter had informed the Government that they were ready to do their best to make good their father's shortage. With the coming of hard times, however, the Government had found itself unable to secure any undertaking, and the case had stood in that position ever since.

## SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Mrs. Andrew Wright, who has been on a trip to Minnesota, returned home last Saturday.

A farewell reception is being held for Rev. Walter Letham, pastor of the First Unitarian Church, who has resigned his charge and expects to leave the city in the near future. The reception will be at the residence of W. L. Llewellyn, 461 Quebec Street, commencing at 8 o'clock.

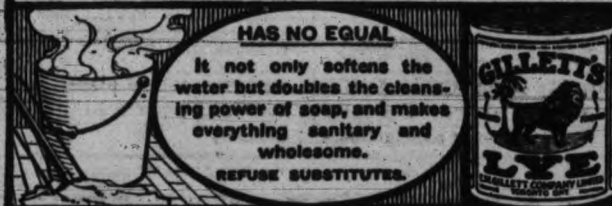
Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Jackson arrived from California last evening on the S. S. President, and will spend some days in Victoria before leaving for Winnipeg. Mr. Jackson was for several years manager of the Empress Hotel, being transferred about a year ago to the Royal Alexandra Hotel at Winnipeg.

Mme. E. Bennett-Brock, who has recently taken up her residence in Victoria and opened a vocal studio in the Stobart-Peace Building, is an accomplished musician and an acquisition to the city's musical circles. She has had very cosmopolitan training, having studied in Italy, Spain, France and the United States. She is herself a New Yorker by birth, but went to Italy soon after she reached her twenties, and at Milan and Barcelona prepared for the operatic stage, subsequently singing in some of the leading operatic centres of Europe.

Haydn's oratorio, "The Creation," which was so beautifully rendered by the choir of the First Presbyterian Church and assisting soloists last week, is to be repeated to-morrow night at 8.15 in aid of the Canadian Red Cross. The work was so well performed on the occasion of its first rendering that it seemed a pity to let the opportunity pass of giving it in aid of the splendid patriotic work which is commanding such world-wide interest at the present time, and the announcement that Jackson Hanby and his choir, the soloists, Miss Eva Hart, Gideon Hicks and R. J. MacKenzie, and the organist and pianist, Edward Parsons and Harry Charlesworth, would give their services absolutely free in order that the Red Cross might benefit was very much appreciated. The First Presbyterian Church, which has magnificent acoustics, is also being given without charge for the occasion, and the heavy sale of tickets to date augurs well for the size of the audience to be present.

The Queen City Service Club, Order of the Eastern Star, Saturday afternoon gave a very pleasant and very successful tea at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Elliott, 1255 Victoria Avenue, Oak Bay. The decorations were beautiful, and Mrs. Elliott, with Mrs. P. Campbell, received the visitors and helped to entertain everyone. Mrs. E. Harris, matron of the Eastern Star Order in Victoria, and Mrs. E. Jackson, associate matron, poured tea, and Mesdames McIntosh, Dinsdale, Nickerson, Boulton and Campbell assisted. Mrs. L. Hall had charge of the musical

## GILLETT'S LYE



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purpose of Golf Links at Colwood for \$47,000. The proceeds of the sale were afterwards invested in purchasing contracts for the sale of other lands.

After some two hours' discussion the solicitors of both parties settled the action by agreement. Mr. Clough dropped his claim to one of the pieces of land and on their part the defendants agreed—maintaining they had always been so disposed—to give him the account of the proceeds of the sale of the other piece, in which they claimed plaintiff had an interest. H. B. Robertson represented Mr. Clough and E. C. Mayers conducted the matter for the defendants.

## SPLENDID RESPONSE OF THE WOMAN VOTER

Sustained Interest on All Hands; Victoria and Esquimalt Register About 9,000

Although still busy marking, sorting and assembling the piles of registration forms into their proper order this morning, Acting-Registrar Mabon considers that the grand total of applications for the city proper will closely approximate eight thousand, while Esquimalt will nearly reach the thousand mark.

Keen Interest. Speaking generally on the interesting duties of a registrar in an original role as far as the fair sex is concerned, Mr. Mabon states that the keenest possible interest has been manifested on all hands. Applicants of a very serious demeanor have been sometimes accompanied and followed by those who have infused a little humor into the "novelty" of the vote. At the same time indifference has been non-existent and the real power behind the extension of the franchise thoroughly understood. One lady in fact asked with all solemnity when the election would take place and if she would be notified about the voting.

Give Reasons. Instances were very frequent of expressions as to why individual women were pleased to have voting power. Not a few were fully intent on placing a cross in favor of prohibition at the first opportunity. Hundreds of fair voters had in their minds the splendid opportunity to interest themselves to some purpose on behalf of the returning soldiers.

Legislation of the future that will help him will be the sole object and value to them of their votes. There was also an element prizing the vote inasmuch as they would be able to go to the polling booth incited of the husband, who in away fighting, considering also that on his return that it will again be his duty to represent the household as heretofore.

Oriental Registers. The only Oriental lady to fill up her form at the old Quebec Bank Building did so yesterday. She displayed a particularly keen interest and understood the provisions of the measure fully. Her English was good and British Columbia political life was by no means strange to her. There was also a newly-married voter yesterday, who by force of habit, could not refrain the final signature of her maiden name—a defect, however, quickly rectified.

## RECRUITING TRIP FOR ROYAL FLYING CORPS

### Colonel Hoare and Captain Strubell Reach Vancouver Thursday

Colonel Hoare, officer commanding the Royal Flying Corps in Canada, and Captain Strubell, officer in charge of recruiting for the Royal Flying Corps in the Dominion, will arrive in Vancouver on Thursday morning. Their visit is in connection with matters generally pertaining to the establishment of the aerodrome at Boundary Bay and the recruiting of more men for this branch of the service.

The Imperial officers will be met in the Terminal City by Captain Tweedale, the District Intelligence Officer at Work Point, who will cross to the mainland on the midnight boat to-morrow. Although arrangements for the commanding officer's visit to Victoria are tentative, it is fully expected that Colonel Hoare and Captain Strubell will return to headquarters of M. D. 11 with Captain Tweedale.

It is intended to establish a recruiting base here, on a more permanent footing, since Captain Tweedale, up to the present time, has been carrying out the work on behalf of Lord Innes-Kerr. There are also some two hundred applications on file at Work Point from men who are anxious to enter the "ground service." Colonel Hoare will probably interview these men, as well as some score or more cadet applicants.

There are to be recruiting bases established throughout the province for the R. F. C. Captain Tweedale was informed some time since by "wing" headquarters at Toronto, that men from Victoria district and from British Columbia generally were making such exceptionally good showing in their studies and preliminary training flights, that too many could not be sent.

## OVER TWO THOUSAND WOMEN REGISTER

### Saanich Riding Makes Good Showing in Extension of Franchise

The women of the Saanich electoral riding, which includes the municipalities of Saanich and Oak Bay, have responded well to the invitation to take advantage of the parliamentary franchise, and the total number registered is 2045. Registrar William Graham kept the list open until the mail returns from the municipalities had been received to-day, and the tally of the claims lodged as counted gives the above figure.

Fifty-six new names were added on the men's list, making in all a total electoral roll for the riding of 6,331, after striking off transfers to other ridings.

The percentage is considered to be one of the best in the district in proportion to male voters. Taking the population of Saanich at 10,000 (the municipal census 16 months ago) and Oak Bay 5,000, the percentage of registrations, when the abnormal number of women and children compared to adult males is considered, is regarded as excellent. The male vote percentage for the riding is higher than for the average of Canada, so that the admission of women has again demonstrated the progressive spirit of the two municipalities in seeking the franchise.

## GOLF LINKS FIGURED

Action Brought in Supreme Court This Morning by Frank Clough for Account of Land Sale.

A case came before Mr. Justice Murphy in the Supreme Court this morning in which the Golf Links at Colwood figured. The action was Clough versus Greenwood and Greenwood, in which the plaintiff pressed for an account of the sale of two pieces of land, in which he claimed to be interested. The land was bought originally for the sum of two or three thousand dollars and afterwards sold for the



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Family Soda Crackers Large carton	25c	Seedless Grapefruit 6 for	25c
Currants 12-oz. pkts.	15c	Gouda Cheese Per lb.	40c
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#### FIRE INSURANCE RATES

Mayor Thinks Police Warrant Necessary to Find Recent Reduction.

To the Fire Wardens' Committee the City Council last evening sent a letter with regard to the recent reduction of insurance rates. The secretary (J. L. Noble), of the Vancouver Island Fire Underwriters' Association, wrote with regard to the reduction in certain classes of dwelling, church and school risks. He remarked: "This association feels that the rates, as now promulgated, are fair and equitable, and they compare very favorably with those in other districts."

The request for privacy with regard to the rates led Alderman Jones to remark that some means should be discovered to ascertain what risks would benefit from the reduction.

Mayor Todd facetiously remarked that the police had better be called in with a search warrant, to try to locate the reduction.

#### FLOWER STEALING

Robbing of Parks and Boulevards is Recurring Again, It is Stated.

That people should be so lost to the sense of the fitness of things, and the efforts to beautify the city as to steal from the parks and boulevards is almost incredible, however reports are coming into the City Hall from park and boulevard officials of thefts of this character.

Usually about this time of year, when planting is going on systematically, the same vandalism recurs, the thieves selecting boulevard streets on the outskirts of the city, where police supervision is necessarily limited. Even when the City gave away trees at Beacon Hill nursery, the plunderers did not cease their marauding excursions, and now the thefts have broken out again.

Stealing of flowers from the parks is a common practice, and however reprehensible, still the plants blossom again, and this argument has been advanced more than once in justification when the culprit has been caught "with the goods."

#### ABANDON BILL TO ENTER AGREEMENT

Rock Bay Bridge Temporary Crossing Proposal Fails, and Scheme is Dropped.

"None of you would be re-elected," said Alderman Andros in City Council last evening, in speaking with regard to the Rock Bay Bridge Bill, "if you allowed the bill to pass and then took no action."

The Council rejected the bill, and it is therefore killed. The City Solicitor had submitted an agreement for a temporary crossing, to be made with riparian owners, and stated verbally that it was purely discretionary and committed the Council to nothing.

Alderman Andros considered the situation was anomalous. He thought, judging by the vote at the last election, that it was a question of considering a few at the expense of the many. At any rate the Council had good reason to be careful for the future, since the riparian owners might be determined to force the hand of the Council later, should the bill be proceeded with.

The Mayor said the position was different to that voted upon in January. That was a permanent steel swing span, this was a temporary structure. For his part he believed a bridge as good as formerly existed would be put in for half of the estimate of \$38,000.

Despairing of the Johnson Street Bridge, Alderman Dinsdale thought a wooden bridge costing from \$8,000 to \$10,000 could be erected, and recommended the Council to invite designs and quotations for same.

Several of the Aldermen objected to the City binding itself by this bill, while Alderman Fullerton alluded to the pledges given to the electors at various elections, but said it had always been contemplated to spend from \$5,000 to \$8,000, however the estimate had been exceeded, still some provision for a crossing should be made.

The Council then carried a motion to reject the bill.

#### TWENTY MEN WANTED

Sergt. Mack Eastman Attends March Past of Washington University Students; Appeals to Britons.

Twenty men only are required to bring the University Platoon up to full strength and thus enable arrangements to be made immediately for the trip to the other side. The platoon, as its name might suggest, is not confined to university men. Sergeant Mack Eastman is at the present time in Seattle appealing to Britons who are resident there, in the interests of the platoon. Sergeant Eastman attended the march past of 100 students of the University of Washington last week as they took their departure to join some branch of the U. S. military service. He is fully expectant to be able to raise the additional twenty men for whom he asked in vain in Vancouver.

#### 20 MONTHS AT FRONT



PTE. WILLIAM SHEARER

Is a brother of Pte. P. Shearer, who was reported slightly wounded some weeks ago. He joined the forces following the outbreak of war, and for some time did guard duty with the 50th Gordon Highlanders at Goldstream. Later he joined the 4th Battalion and after completing his local training left with the unit for England. Arriving there he transferred and soon crossed to France. He has now been in the trenches for one year and eight months. Pte. Shearer is a son of Mr. and Mrs. P. Shearer, of 1487 Myrtle Street.

#### SHELL SHOCK

Private Norman H. Lord Has Been in the Trenches for Eight Months; Knocked Out at Vimy Ridge.

Suffering from shell shock and admitted to hospital in consequence, is the information received by Mrs. C. Lord, of 1231 Pembroke Street, concerning her son, Private Norman H. Lord. The young soldier enlisted in the Victoria Fusiliers overseas battalion and went to England with that unit in May last. On arrival in the Old Country he was quickly transferred to one of the earlier battalions and has been in France for the past eight months. A brother of the wounded man is also serving in France with one of the British Columbia Pioneer battalions.

Phoenix Beer, \$1.50 per doz. qts.

#### DENIES ALLEGATION OF ANY COMMISSIONS

Breeze in City Council Concerning Sale of Horses; Refuted Allegations.

"I absolutely deny there has been any attempt to flim flam, or play a bunco game on the City," observed Alderman Fullerton in City Council last evening, in replying to a remark made by Alderman Andros. The subject under discussion was a proposed exchange of horses for other equipment in the fire department, during the process which is rapidly taking place to motorize the department throughout.

Various corollary matters to this question have engaged the Aldermen on two previous occasions this year, and on each occasion there has been a disposition to question the judgment of the Fire Wardens' Committee. However, the last debate terminated in discretionary power being given to the Fire Chief to act, and make the best bargains he could.

A section of the Council have objected to the sale of the horses out of city control, contending that with the difficulty of securing teams, the animals should be turned over to the engineering department at cost. However, it appeared that the fire department had already accepted bids upon them.

Alderman Andros charged that there were commissions handed, at least that was the impression he conveyed, since Alderman Fullerton jumped up and said the insinuation must concern the Fire Chief or himself.

Alderman Andros: I was not speaking about you, since you were not directed to sell the horses.

Alderman Fullerton denied absolutely that there had been any attempt to "play a skin game on the City," and those who know him long enough would know how such allegations were groundless against the fire department.

Aldermen Sargent and Cameron attempted to pour oil on the troubled waters, and eventually it was decided to have a report in from the Fire Wardens, City Engineer, and Chairman of the Streets Committee on the matter.



PTE. NORMAN H. LORD

Who went overseas with the Victoria Fusiliers, now admitted to hospital suffering from shell shock.

#### KILLED IN ACTION

Private G. H. Ablett Went Overseas With Timber Wolves and Made Supreme Sacrifice at Vimy Ridge.

Missing since the fighting on Easter Monday, Private George Henry Ablett, of 1273 Central Road, has now been posted as killed in action during the taking of Vimy Ridge. Private Ablett was forty-five years of age and had been in the Victoria Fusiliers for five years, having made the journey from his birthplace, Liverpool, England, at the age of 29. He went overseas with the Timber Wolves and on reaching the Old Country was drafted with reinforcements to Warden's Warriors in France. Before joining for service overseas he was employed as foreman by the B. Wilson Company. His wife and son reside in the city at the above address.

#### SLIGHTLY WOUNDED

Private R. N. Beckwith Hit After Three Weeks at the Front; Remaining on Duty.

The official cable received yesterday by Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Beckwith, of 1273 McKenzie Street, stated that their son, Private R. N. Beckwith, was wounded slightly on April 22, but not sufficiently serious for him to be relieved from duty. Private Beckwith enlisted in the Army Medical Corps at Work Point in September, 1915, and left with a draft of 100 men in March of last year.

For ten months he was engaged with the Hospital staff at the Canadian Camp at Shorncliffe, and in order to get to France he transferred on April 1 to the Canadian Field Ambulance. He was born in Victoria 25 years ago and received his schooling at the Public School here. He learnt his trade as a carpenter and is a well-known member of the Y. M. C. A.

No Band Concerts—Alderman Dillworth raised in City Council last evening the question of whether there should be band concerts in the parks this summer, since he had received many inquiries on the matter recently. While no resolution was passed, the majority of the Aldermen seemed to think that it was unwise to spend money on entertainments and amusements. It was stated that the subject might be taken up when the summer time came.

#### TOBIN'S TIGERS WORK IN VIMY RIDGE FIGHT

Pte. Gannon Tells of Brilliant Victory; Captures Post Card Group of Huns.

In a letter received by Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Gannon from their son, Private Langford James Gannon, he describes the part he took in the Easter Monday fighting at Vimy Ridge. Private Gannon will not be 13 years of age until October of this year, but so anxious was he to get to the front, aided by his well developed stature, that he stretched his "imagination" and became a full private in the Timber Wolves early last year at the age of 16. He went overseas with the battalion and was transferred to Tobin's Tigers and crossed the Channel to that battalion in France in October last, since which time he has been in the trenches, passing unscathed through the engagement at Vimy.

The young soldier was born in Ottawa and came west with his parents nine years ago, received his education at the High School and recounts among his commercial school day activities two years record as carrier for The Times.

Thousands Buried Alive. "There wasn't very much scrap in Fritz after our artillery got through with him and we trapped a lot of them in their dugouts like rats in a trap. His lines were in an awful mess, and if there were not thousands buried alive I miss my guess. On our front when we went over we drove him about three miles and left him in a position where he had to retire a few more. The only thing that hit me was a chunk of spent shrapnel, and although it made my shoulder sting it did not cut.

Left Candles Burning. "Those Germans to the rear who had a real chance to get away certainly did so, for they cleared out in a hurry and even left candles burning in their artillery dugouts. There were souvenirs lying around galore, revolvers, knives, bayonets, etc., but it is difficult to get anything away from here.

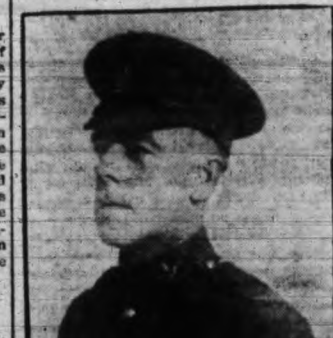
German Soldiers Well Fed.

"I have heard a lot about the Germans being starved. Perhaps the people at home may be, but had it not been for his rations some of us would have had to take up a few notches of our belts before we were relieved. However the old battalion (Tobin's Tigers) proved her worth and went over the top in fine shape. Our Company was the one to push ahead and sent out outposts, during the course of which we captured a machine gun and crew, a couple of light field guns and two six-inch howitzers. Fritz was also very obliging, for he left behind him hundreds of rounds of ammunition, so that he is now getting his own stuff thrown back at him.

Post Card Group.

"We are at the moment resting in an old chalk quarry where we dug out a whole gang of Huns and took them prisoner. It is so deep that our big guns even made no impression upon it. The quarry is full of them, and the Hun has taken full advantage, so do we, of course, when the opportunity is given. I am enclosing a post card I picked up in one of the dugouts we took after the assault and capture of Vimy Ridge. I'll wager if we were fighting any of that group they would look a great deal fatter now, if any of them were left to tell the tale."

The group referred to is reproduced elsewhere in this issue, and shows a number of German soldiers in field service uniform with regimental number inscribed on the pickelhaube.



PTE. GEORGE HENRY ABLETT

Missing since Easter Monday and now posted as killed in action at Vimy Ridge. He went overseas with the Timber Wolves and transferred for service with Warden's Warriors in France.

#### DUNCAN BROTHERS SERVING

Cpl. Hamish K. Maitland-Dougall Wounded While Serving With Warden's Warriors.

Enlisting with the 50th Gordon Highlanders two years ago at the age of 17, Corporal Hamish K. Maitland-Dougall, son of James Maitland-Dougall, Government Agent at Duncan, has been reported wounded. Transferring early last year to the Timber Wolves, the young soldier went overseas with that unit and finally went to the front with a reinforcing draft at Quamichan Lake School, and before enlisting was a member of the Cowichan Cricket Club.

Lieut. William McK. Maitland-Dougall, elder brother of the infantryman, is with the silent fleet in the North Sea serving with a British submarine. Receiving his first instruction in the intricacies of the diver off the Pacific Coast, he has served in the Imperial Navy as a second lieutenant and recently has been advanced in rank to full lieutenant. He was educated at Quamichan Lake School and at Royal Canadian College at Halifax.

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—Mantles, First Floor

#### Women's Outing Skirts at \$1.50

Wash Skirts for outing wear. Made of extra good quality repp, in four-gored style with generous flare, high waist and buttoned down front with detachable buttons. Sizes 22 to 29-inch waist. Price, \$1.50.

—First Floor

#### Women's Silk Waists at \$2.29

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—Waists, First Floor

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Women's Silk Boot and Silk Lisle Hose, made with hem or fine ribbed top; extra spliced heels and toes. Sizes 8 1/4 to 10. Pair, 60c and 65c.

Women's White Cashmere Hose, with deep hem top, double heels and toes. Pair, \$1.00.

—First Floor

"Phoenix" White Silk Hose, an excellent hose for wear, with wide garter top, double heels and toes. Pair, \$1.25.

"Novelty" Silk Hose, in white with stripes, cloze or embroidery design. Pair, \$1.75.

Children's White Lisle Hose, in 1-1 rib. 3 pair, \$1.00.

Children's Silk Lisle Hose, extra fine, 1-1 rib. Pair, 60c.

Children's White Cotton Socks. Pair, 15c and 20c.

Children's White Silk Lisle Socks. Pair, 25c.

Children's White Silk Socks. Pair, 50c, 60c, 75c.

—Hosiery, Main Floor

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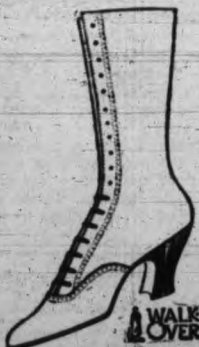
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The Lecture will be under the distinguished patronage of His Honor the Lieut.-Governor and Mrs. Barnard, the Hon. the Premier and Mrs. Brewster, His Worship the Mayor and Mrs. Todd.

The doors will not open until 7.30. Admission 25c.